

Georgian National Study

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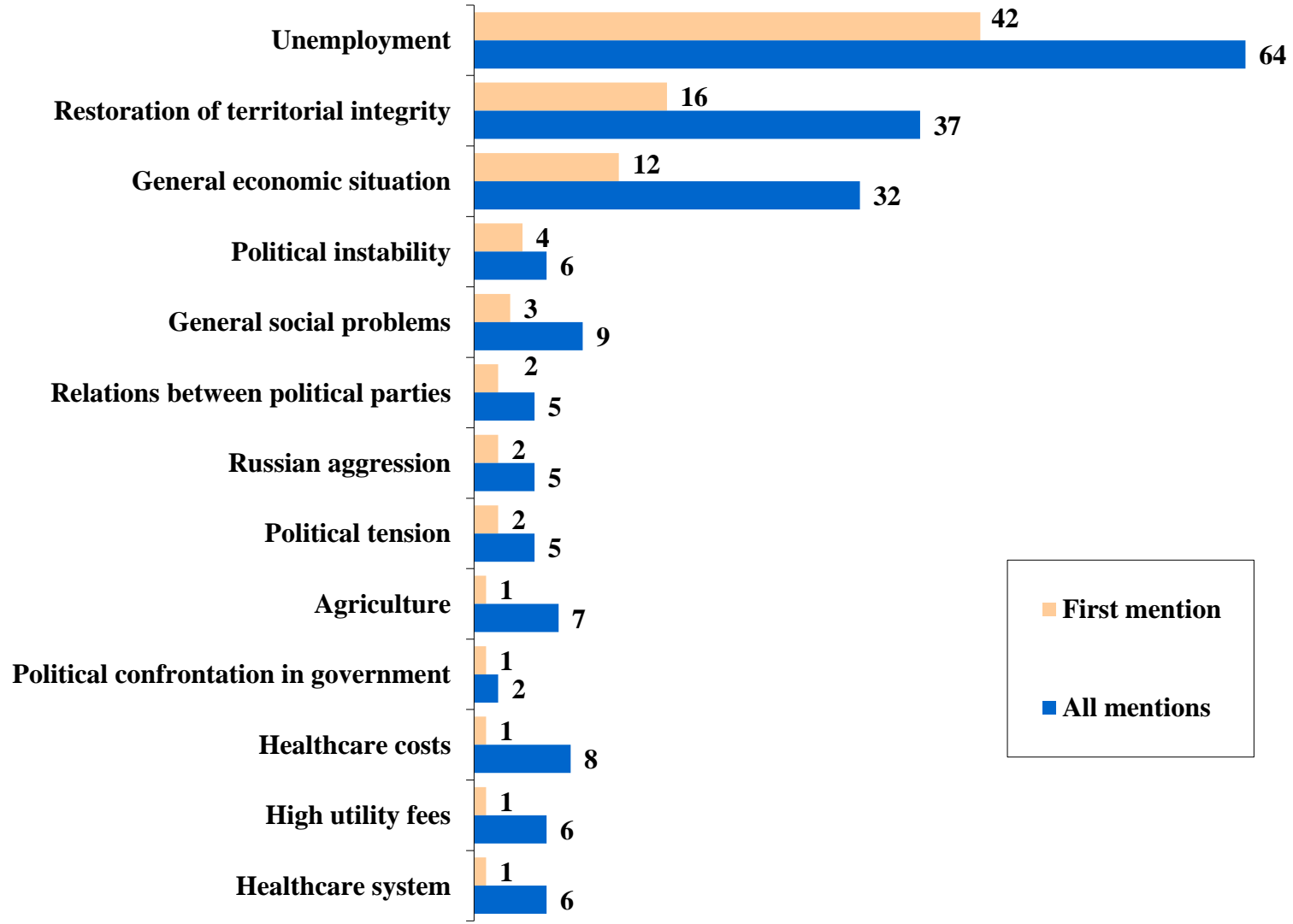


INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

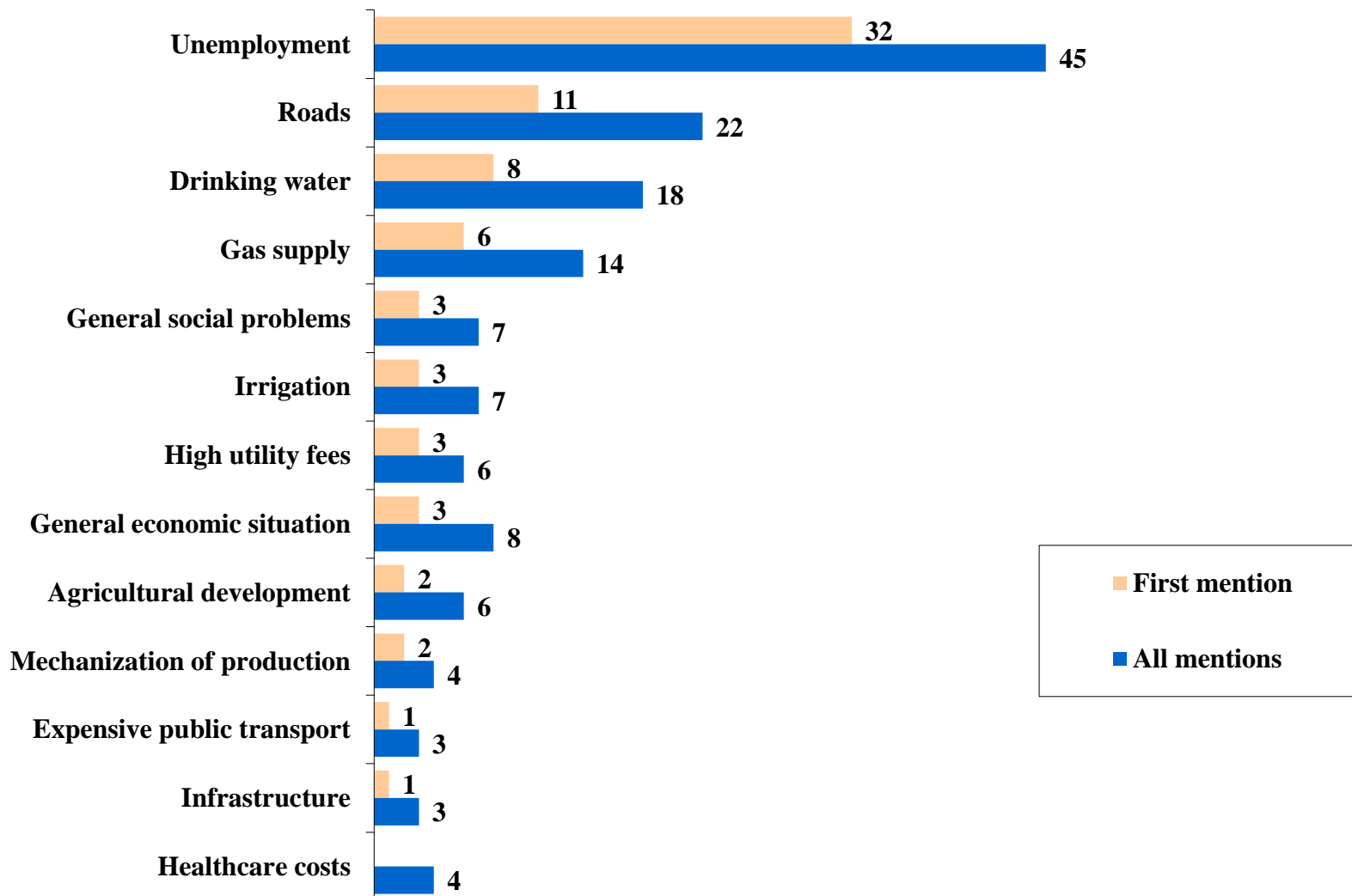
- The survey was conducted by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- This national representative survey was carried out from February 18-27, 2013.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 Georgian residents aged 18 and older, and eligible to vote, and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion.
- The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.
 - Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.
 - Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population (large, medium, small towns and villages). One sample point – approximately one percent of survey population (39-41 surveys). Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in the various levels of settlement in that region.
- Respondents were selected by the random route method, using the next birthday rule to select a respondent from within a household.
- Data was collected through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.
- The poll was conducted nationwide, including the capitol and all major regional centers.
- The margin of error does not exceed +/- 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 70 percent.

ISSUES

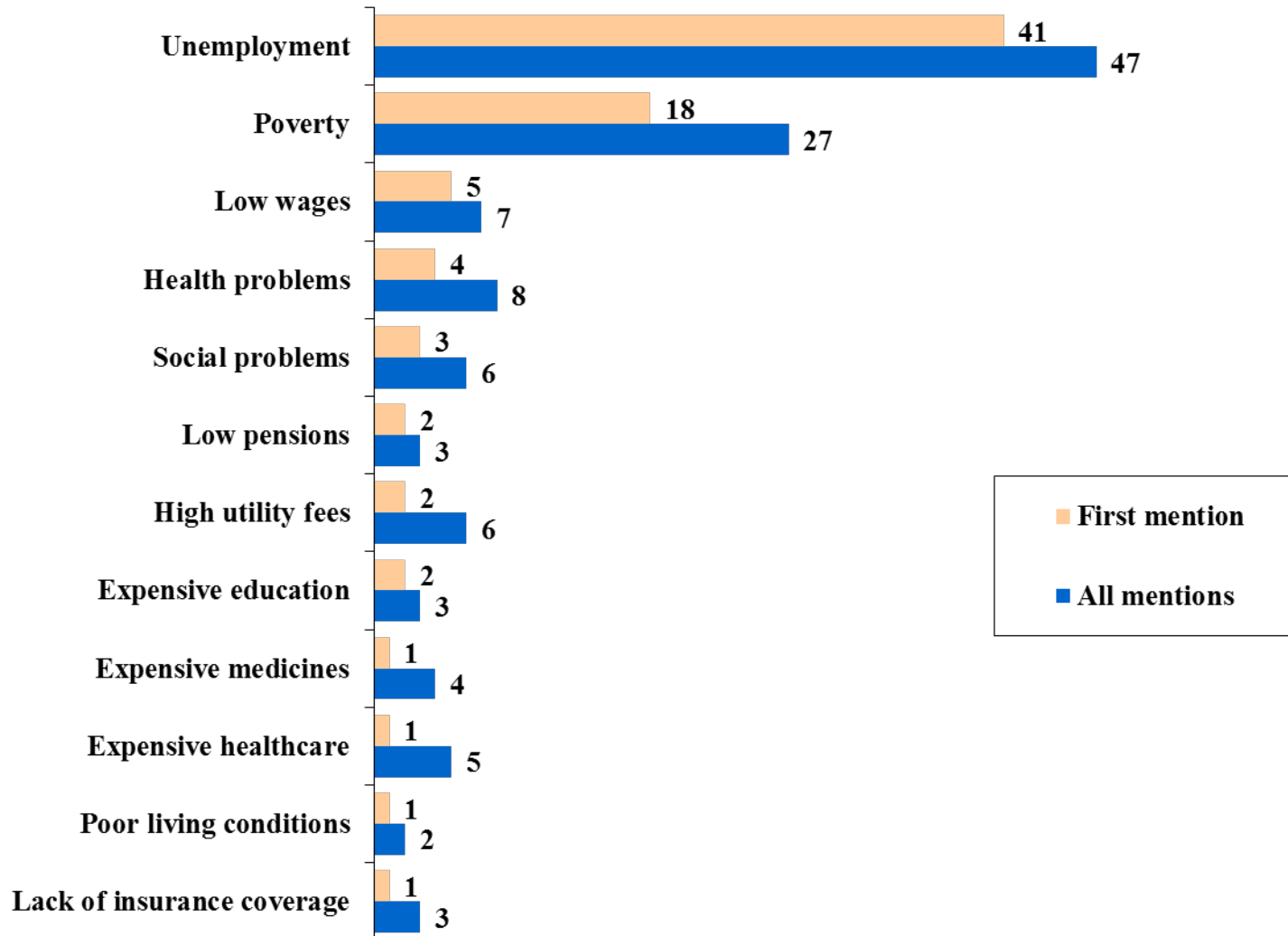
What are the main problems Georgia is facing at the moment?



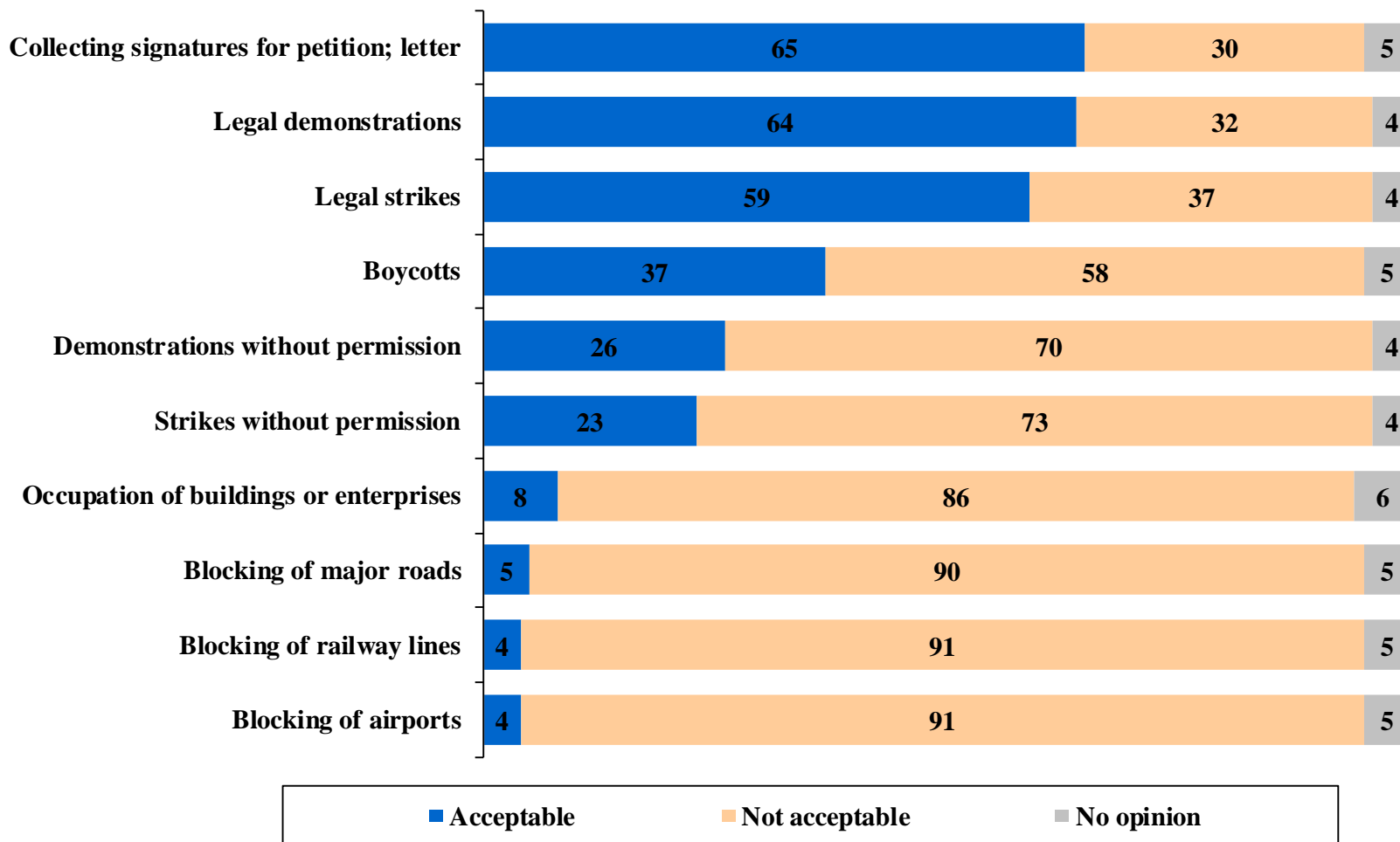
What are the main problems your town/village is facing at the moment?



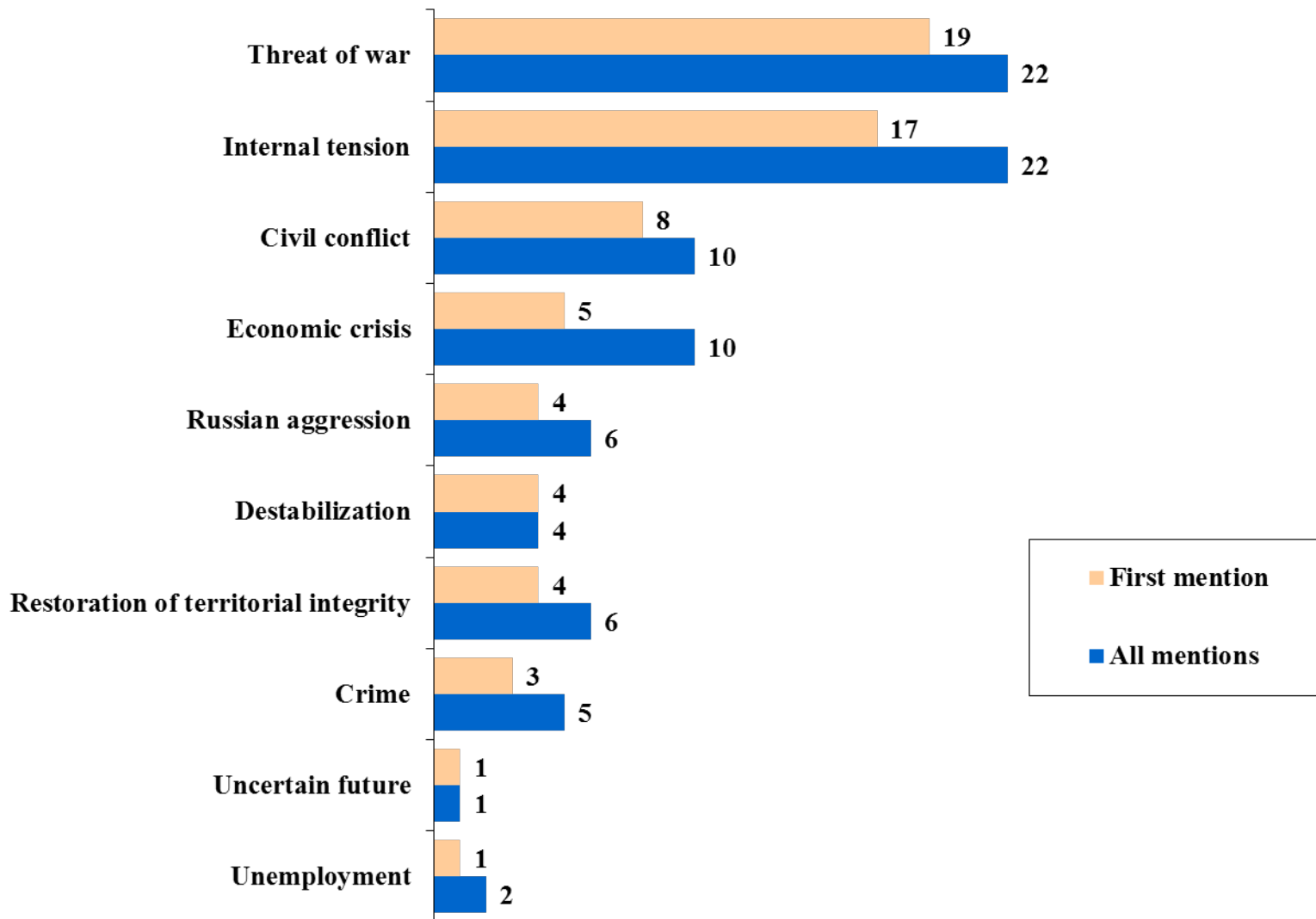
What are the most important issues for you and your household members?



Do you think it is acceptable to use the following forms of social protest?

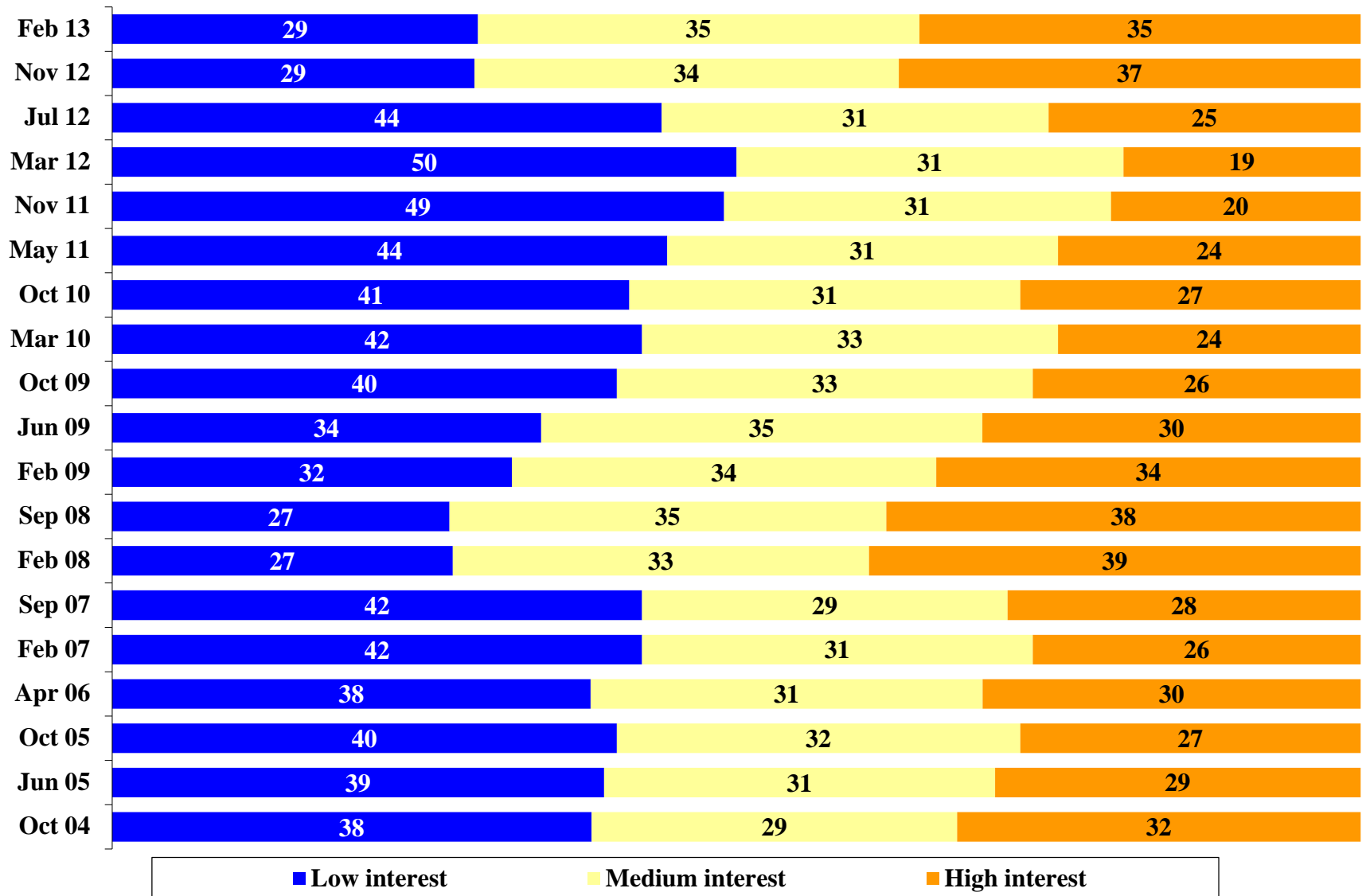


Regarding the current situation and the future of Georgia, what are the three things you are afraid of the most?

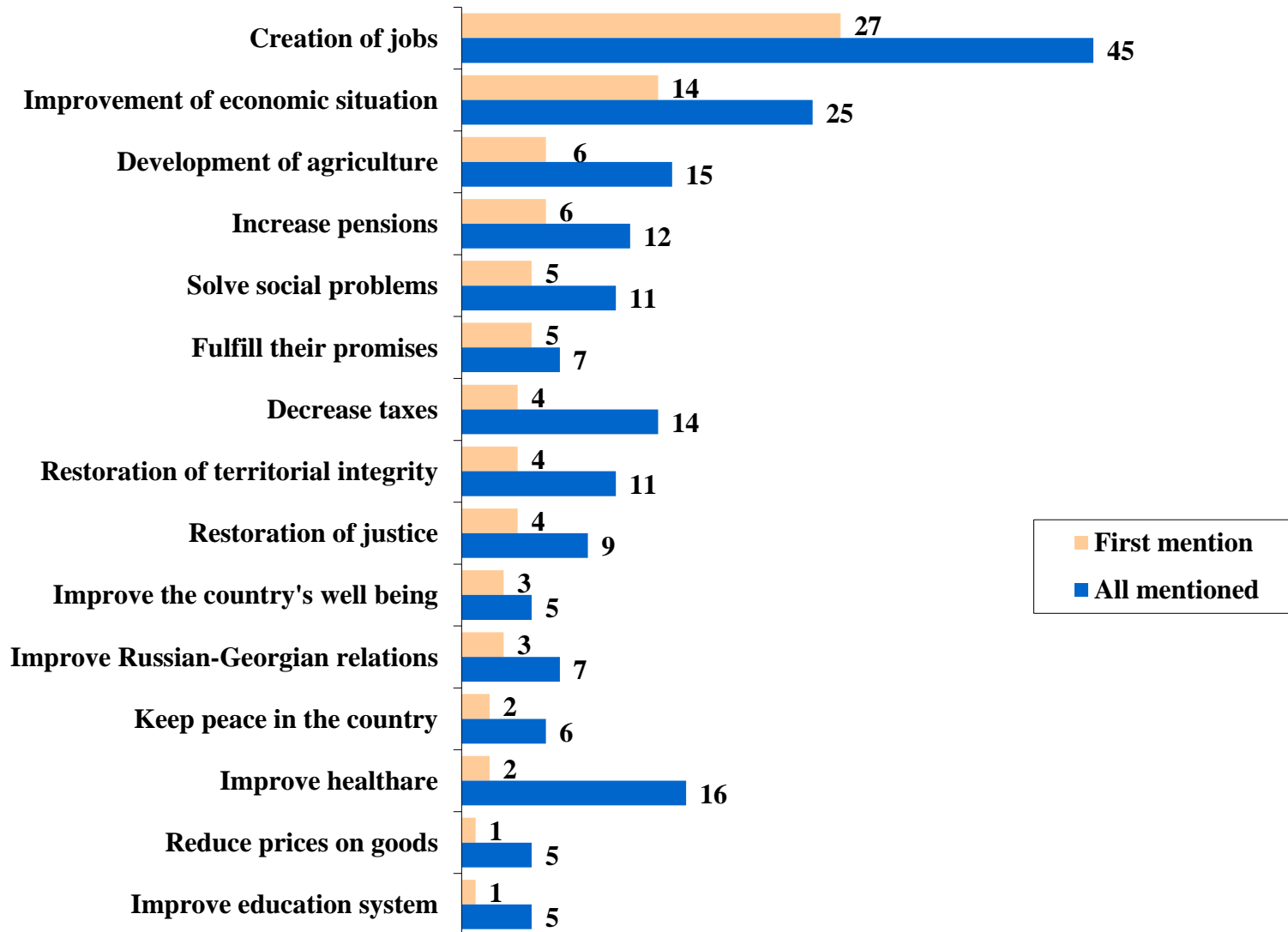


POLITICS

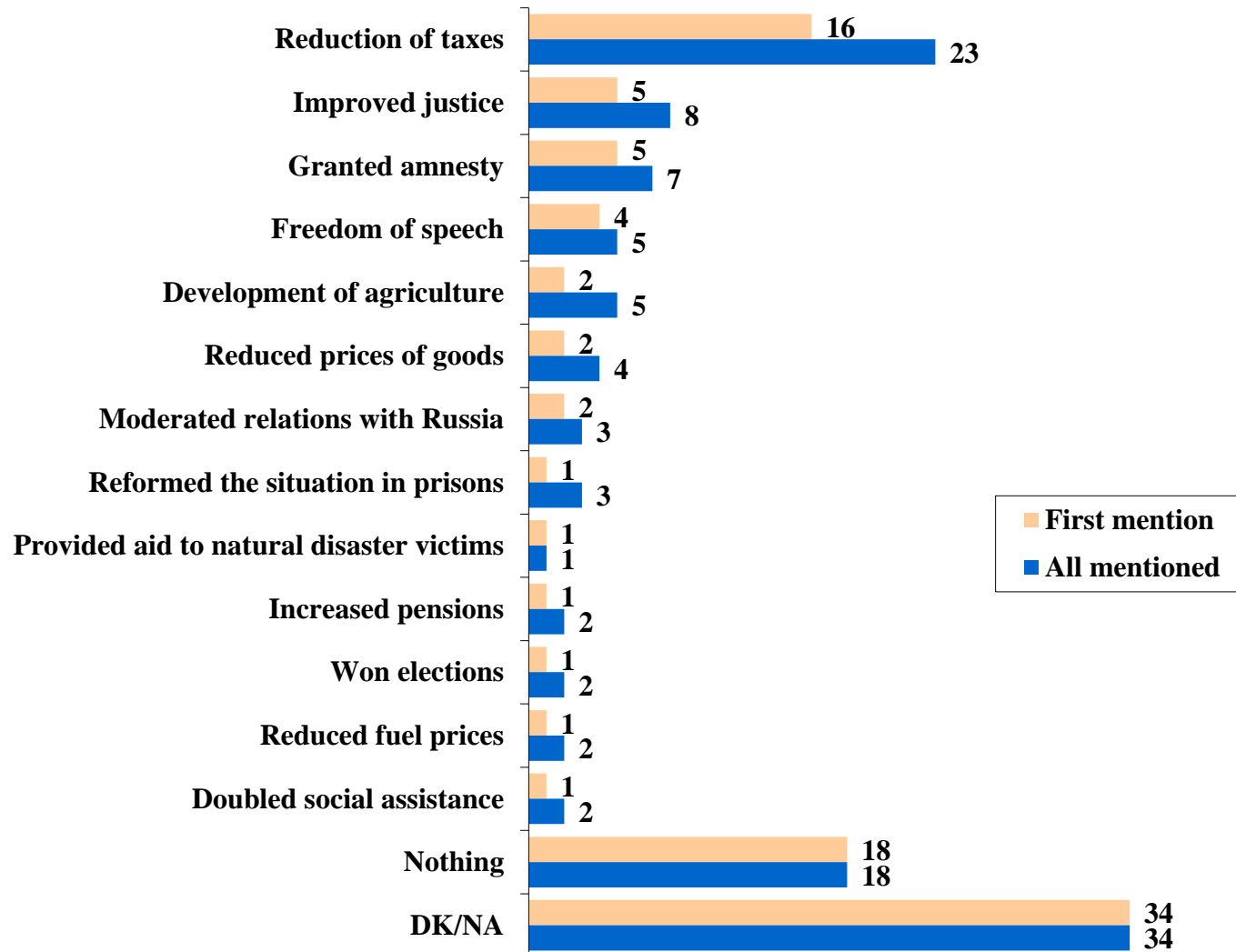
How much interest do you have in politics?



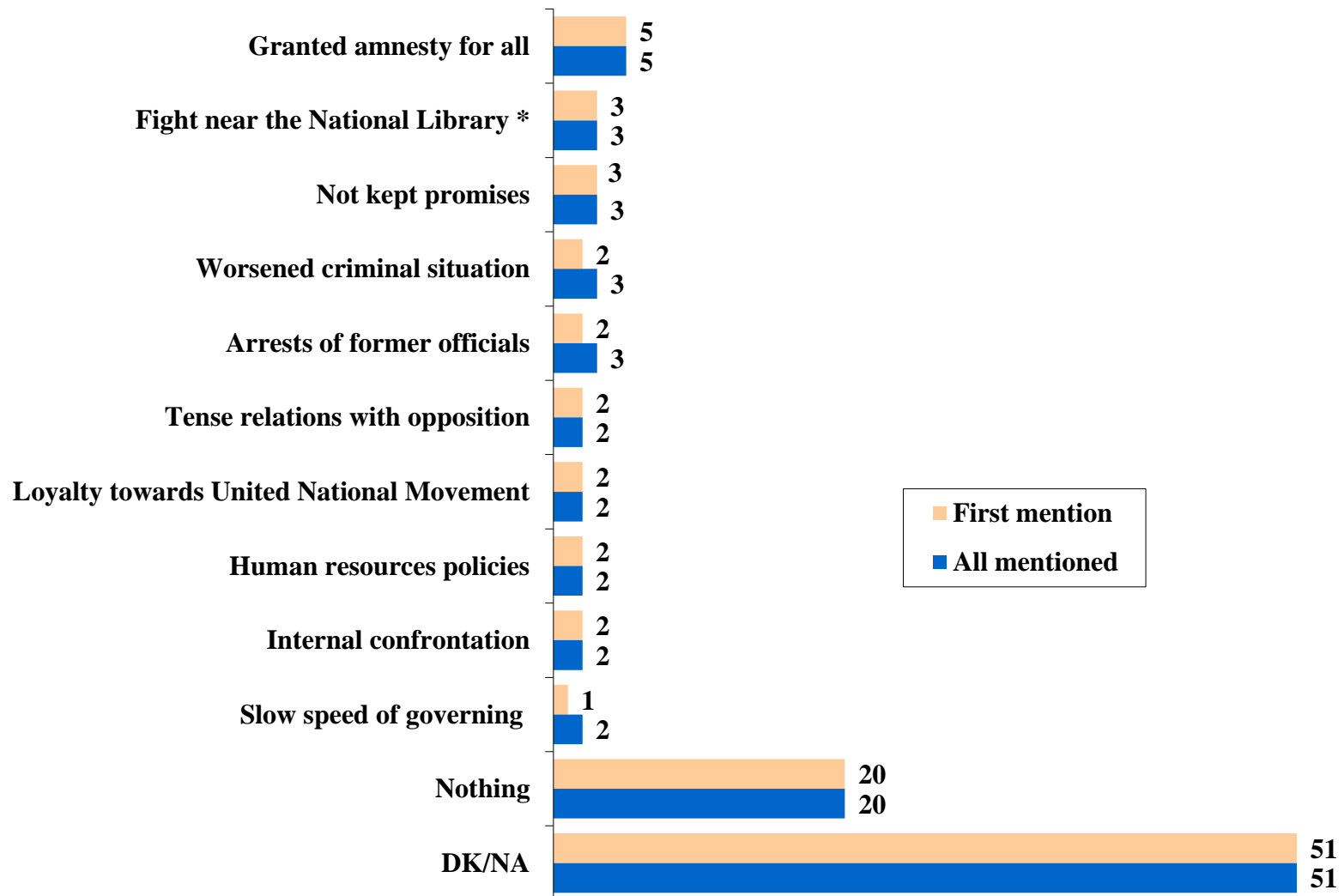
What are your three main expectations of the new government?



What are the three main accomplishments of the new government?

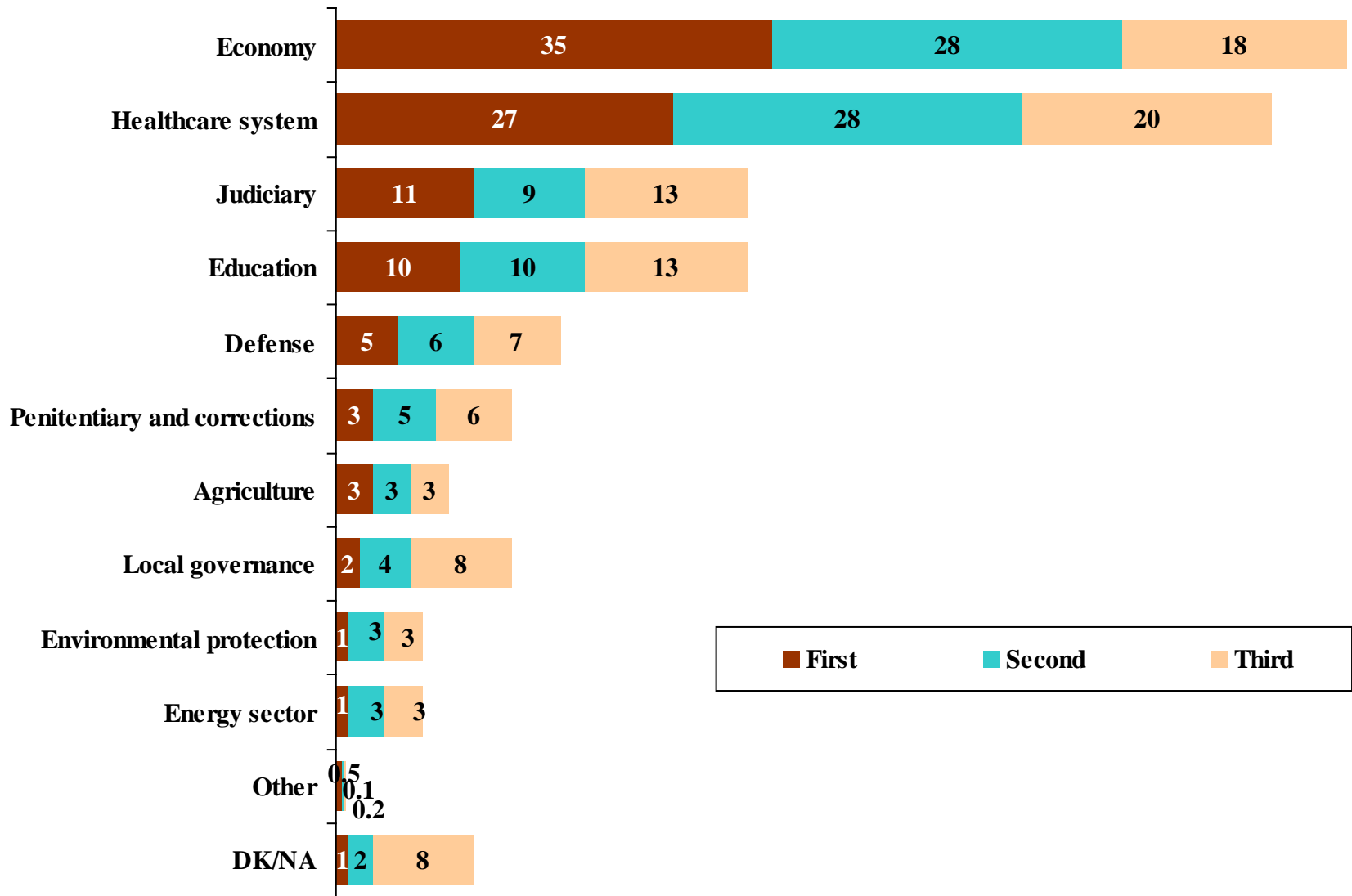


What are the three biggest failures of the new government?

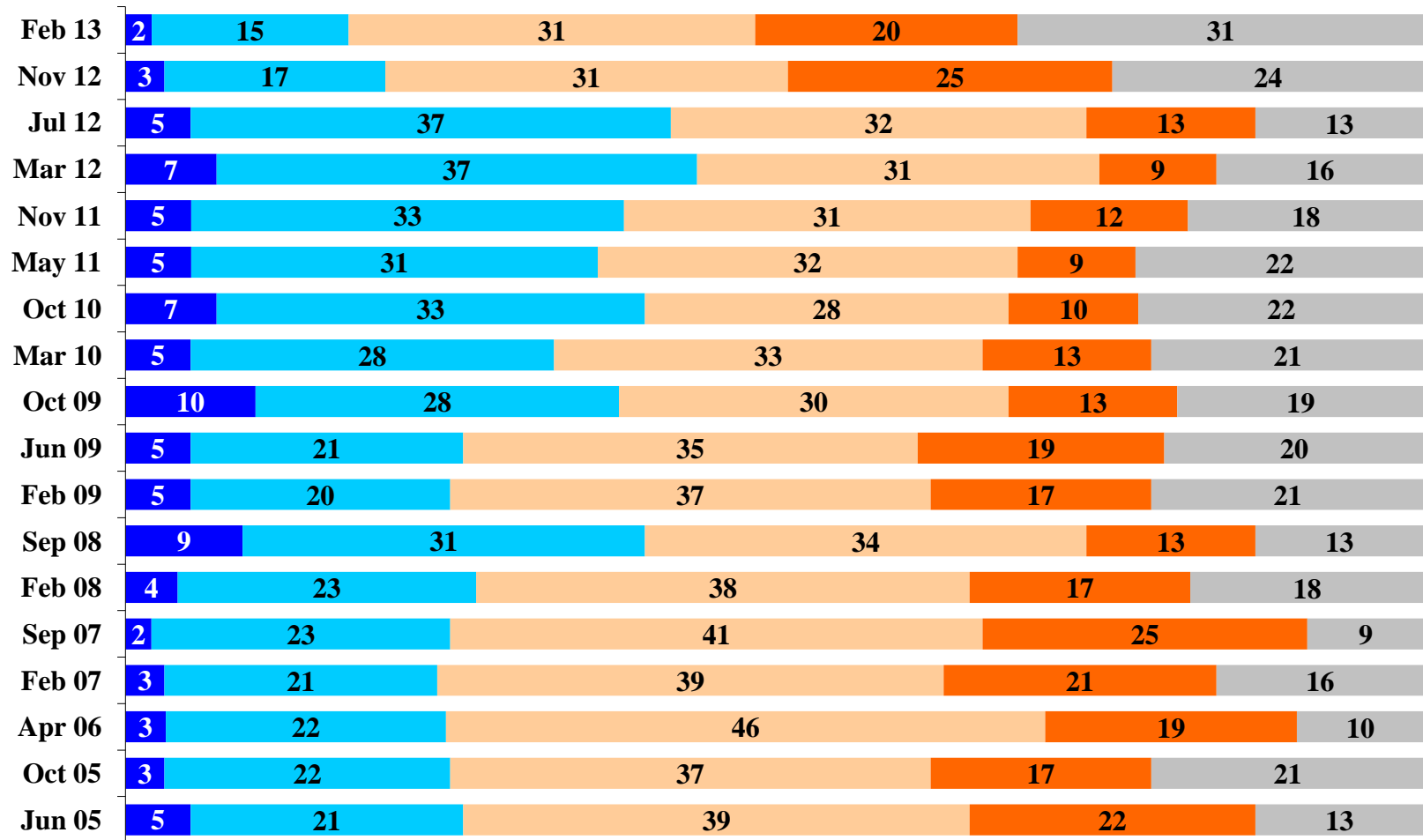


* On February 8, President Saakashvili attempted to give his State of the Nation speech at the National Library in Tbilisi, but routes into the library were blocked by Georgian Dream activists who attacked several parliamentarians and the Mayor of Tbilisi. The violence was quickly denounced by the new government.

In what field should the Georgian government carry out reforms first?

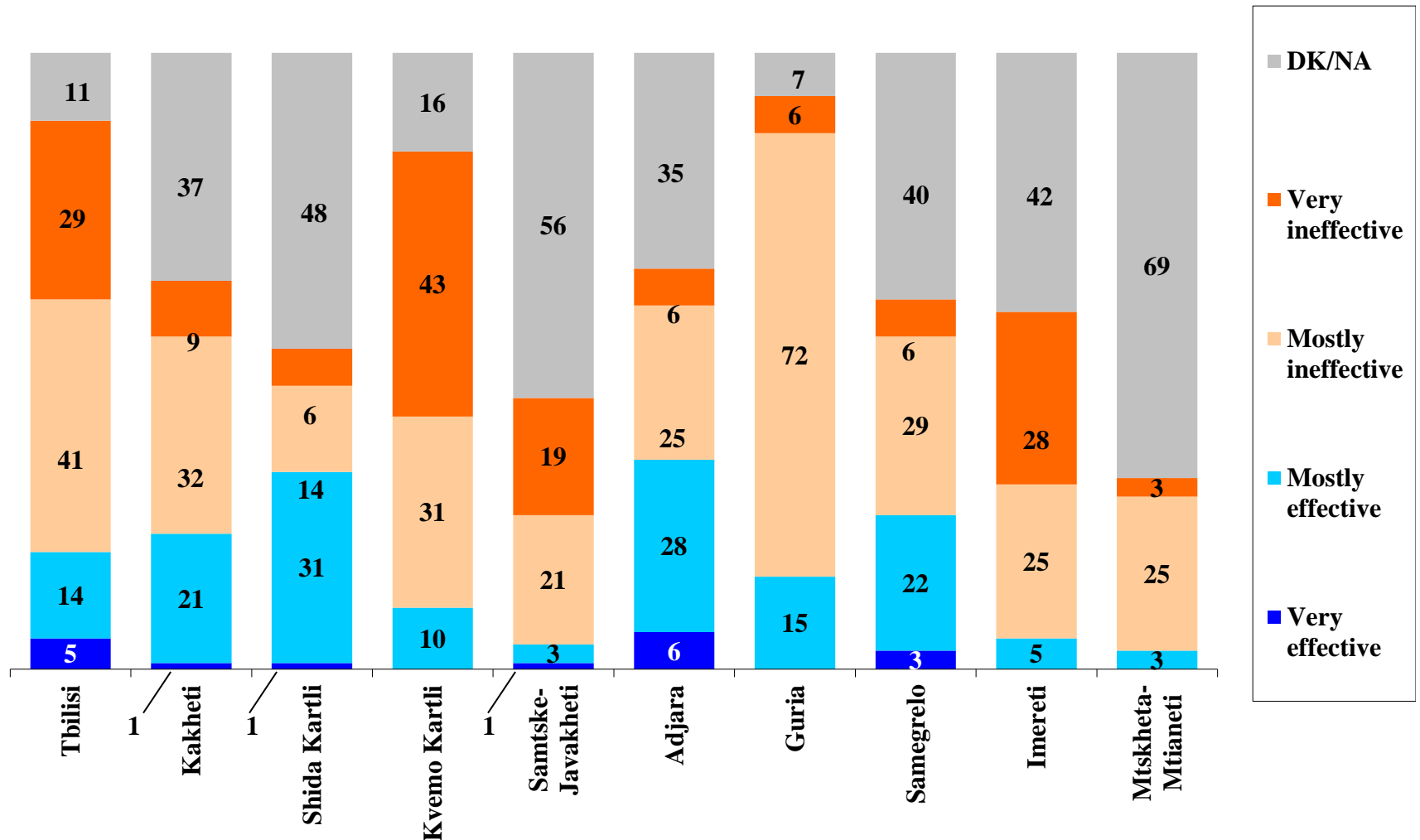


Do you feel the governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region?

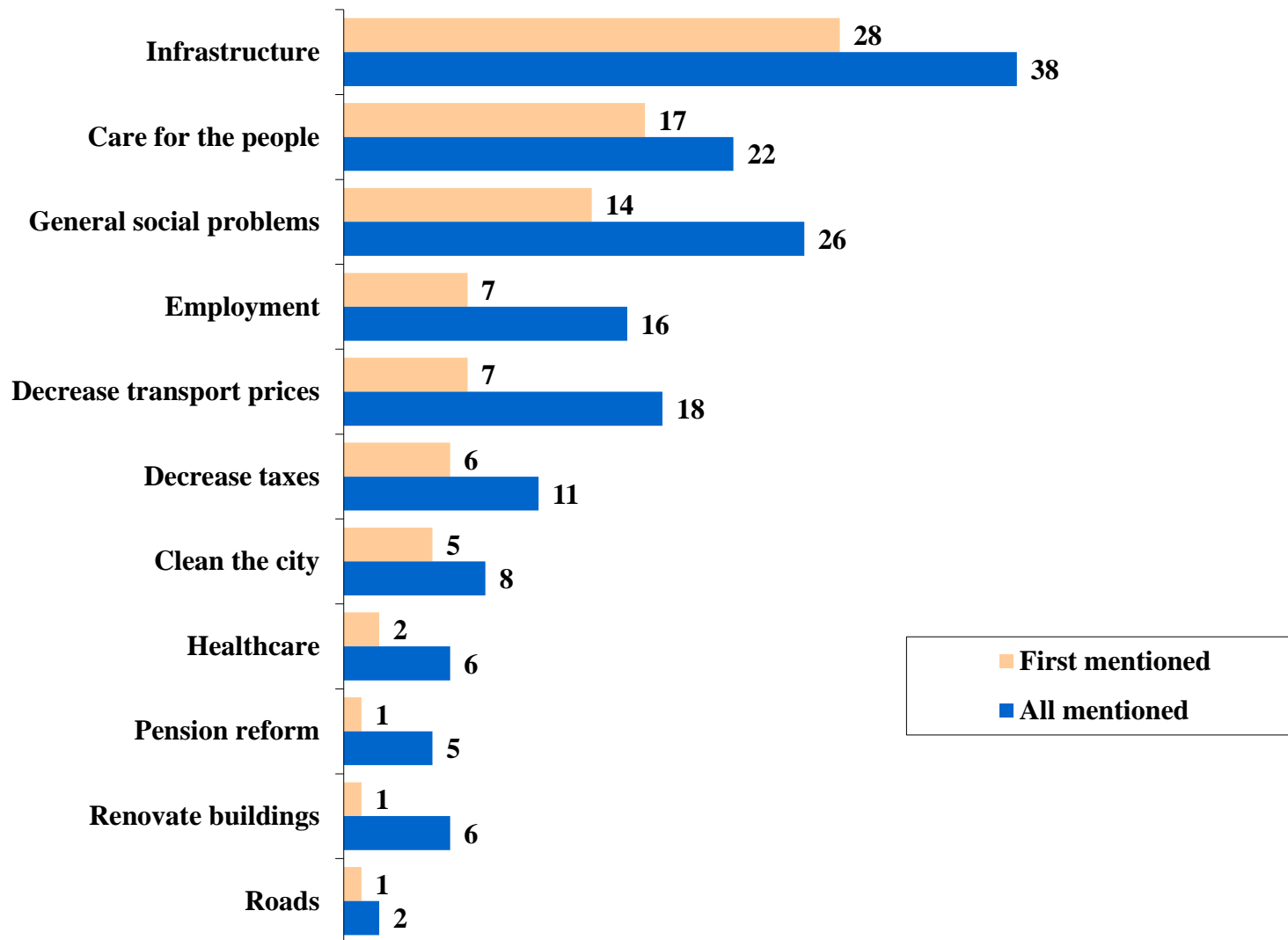


■ Very effective
 ■ Mostly effective
 ■ Mostly ineffective
 ■ Very ineffective
 ■ DK/NA

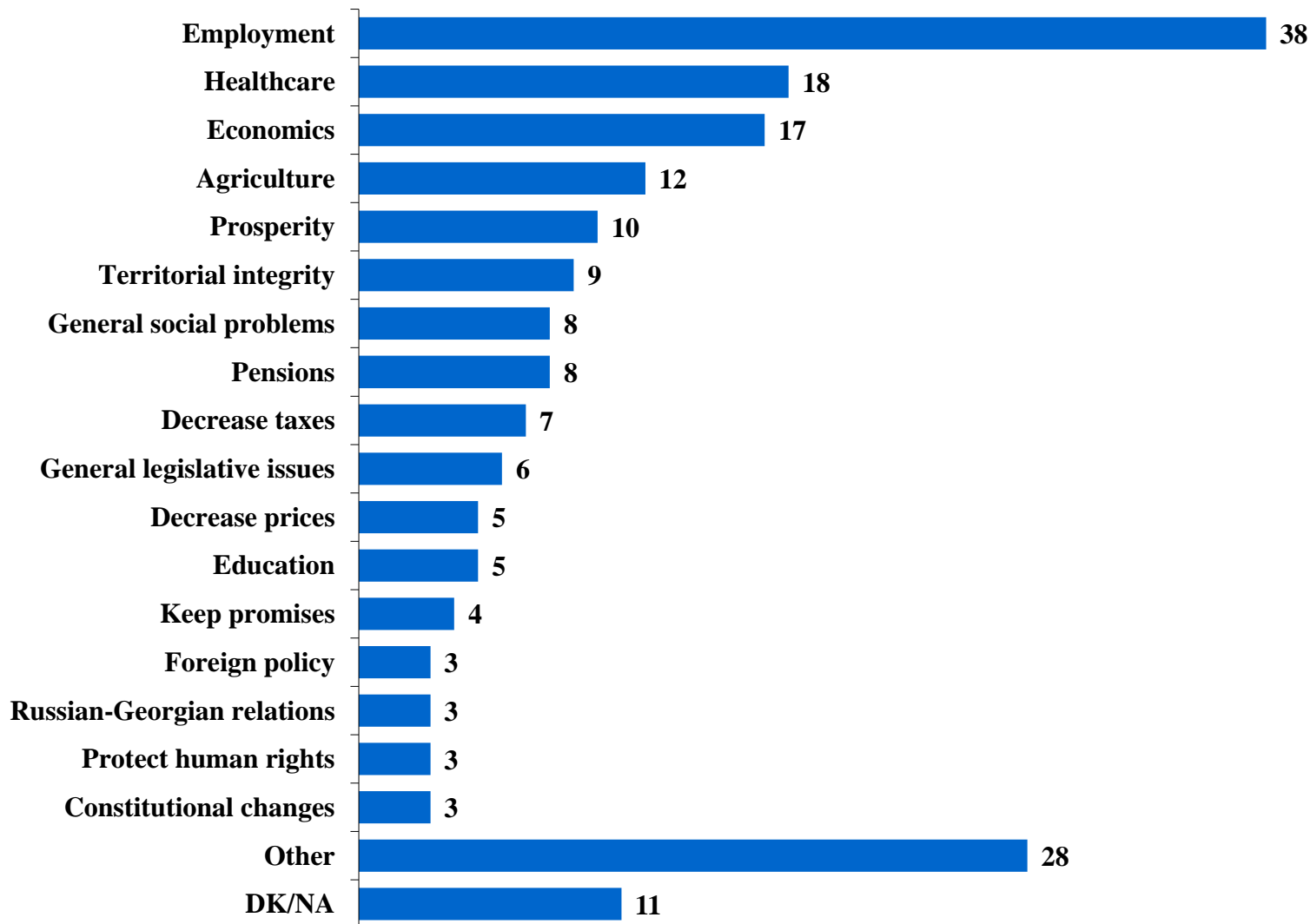
Do you feel the governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region? (by region)



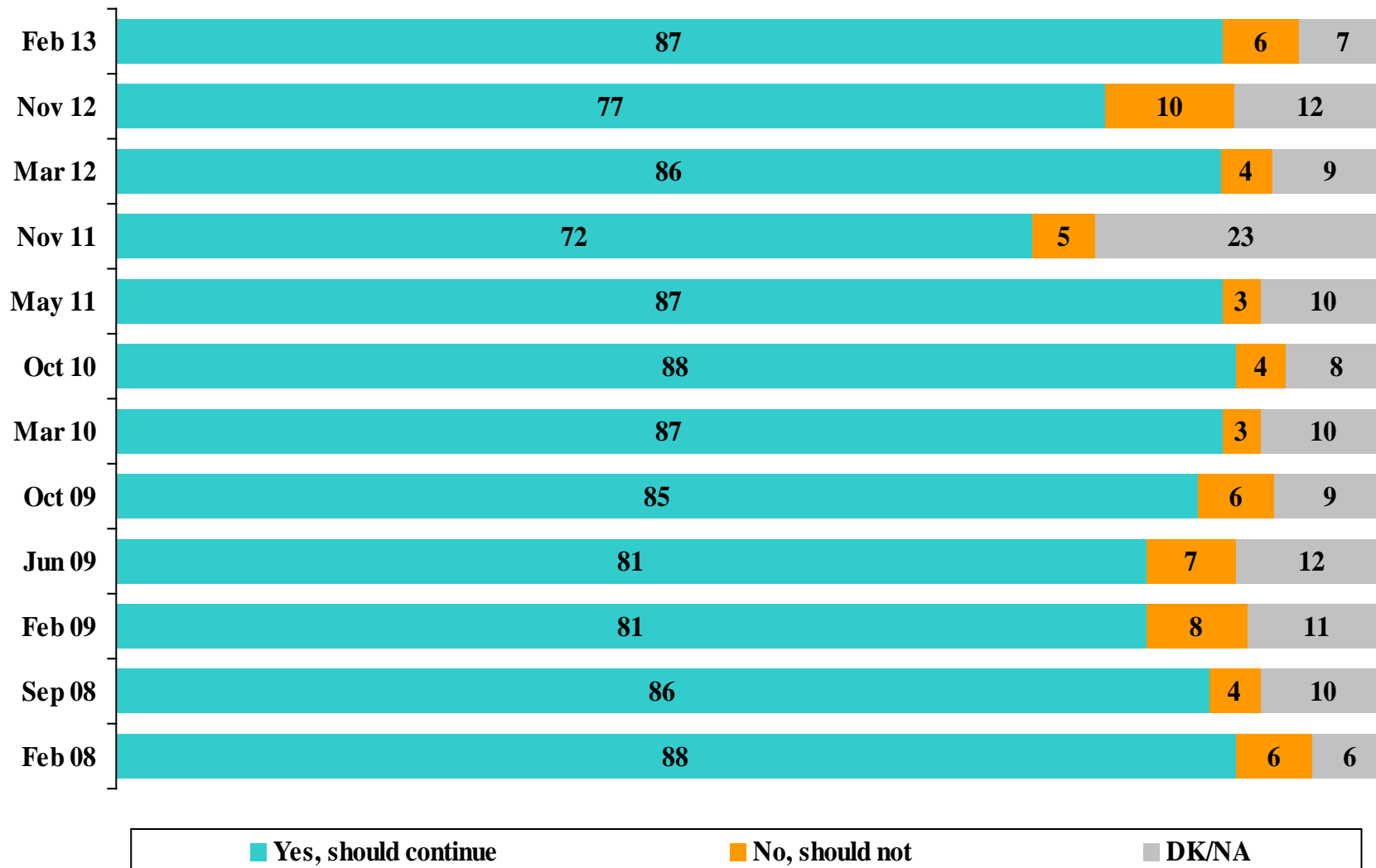
What are three main issues that the Mayor of Tbilisi needs to address? (Residents of Tbilisi, N=380)



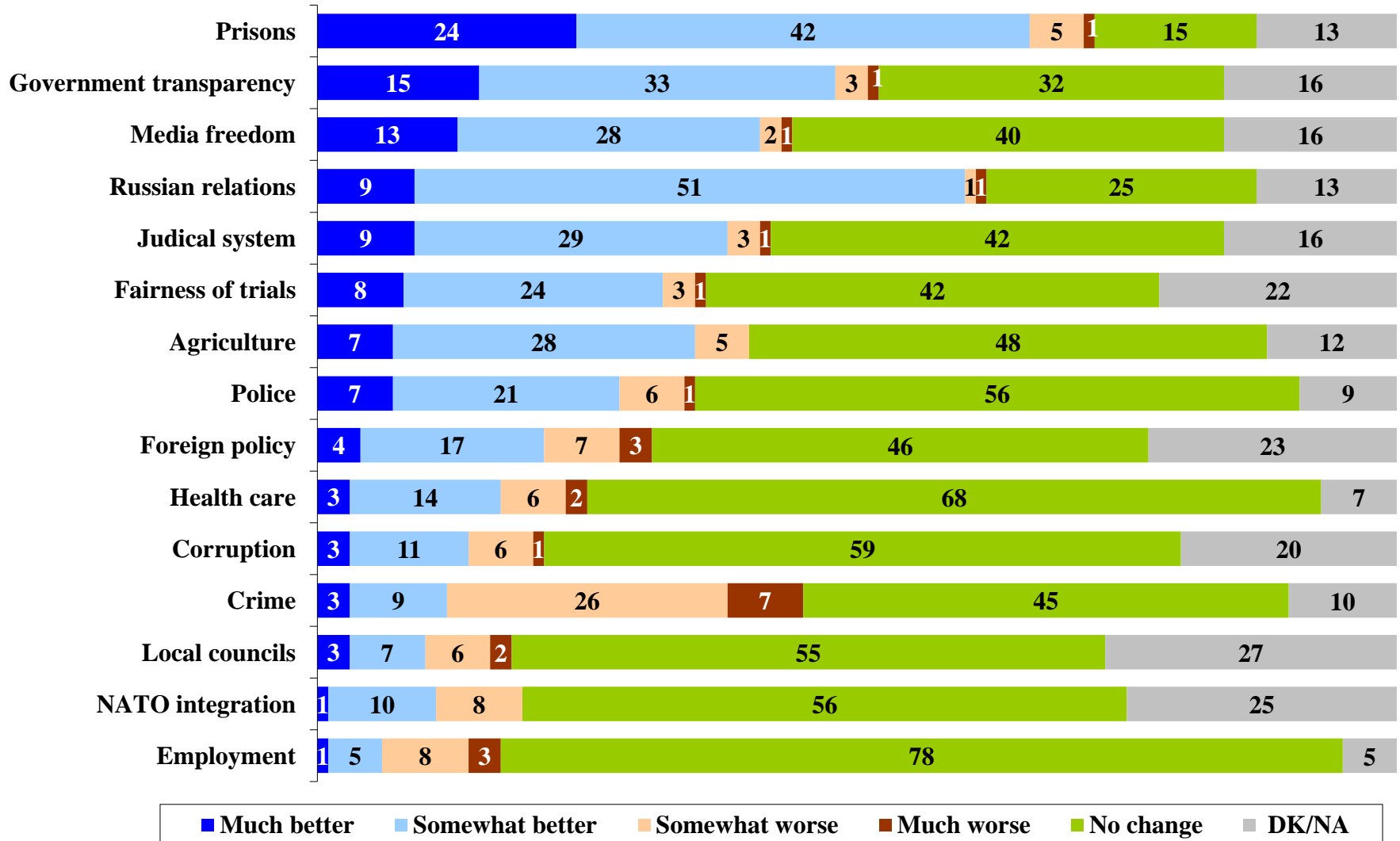
What are three main issues the new parliament first needs to address? (All mentions)



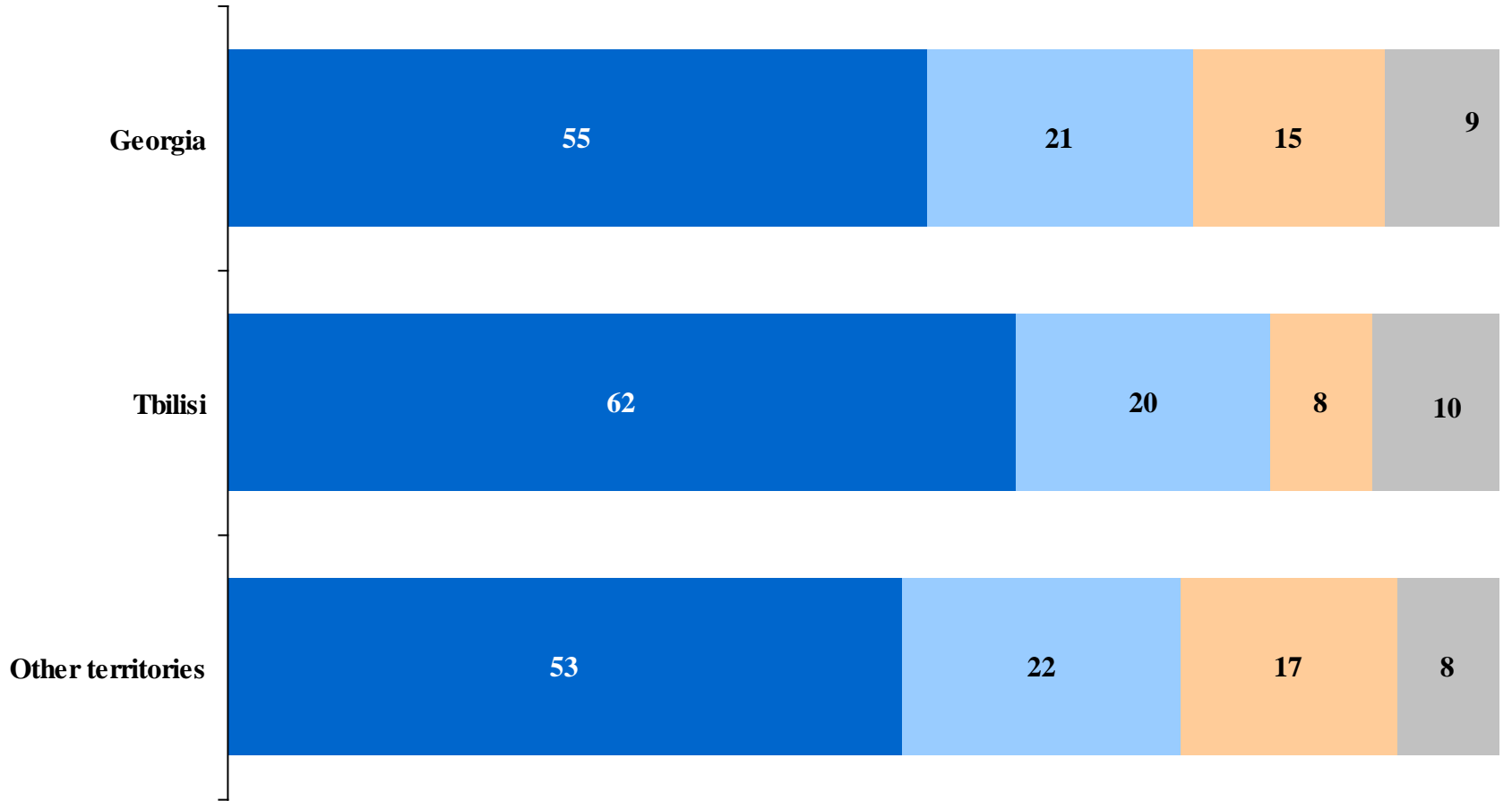
Do you think that government and opposition should continue dialog?



I am going to read you a list of issue areas. In your opinion, is each getting better, worse or no change?

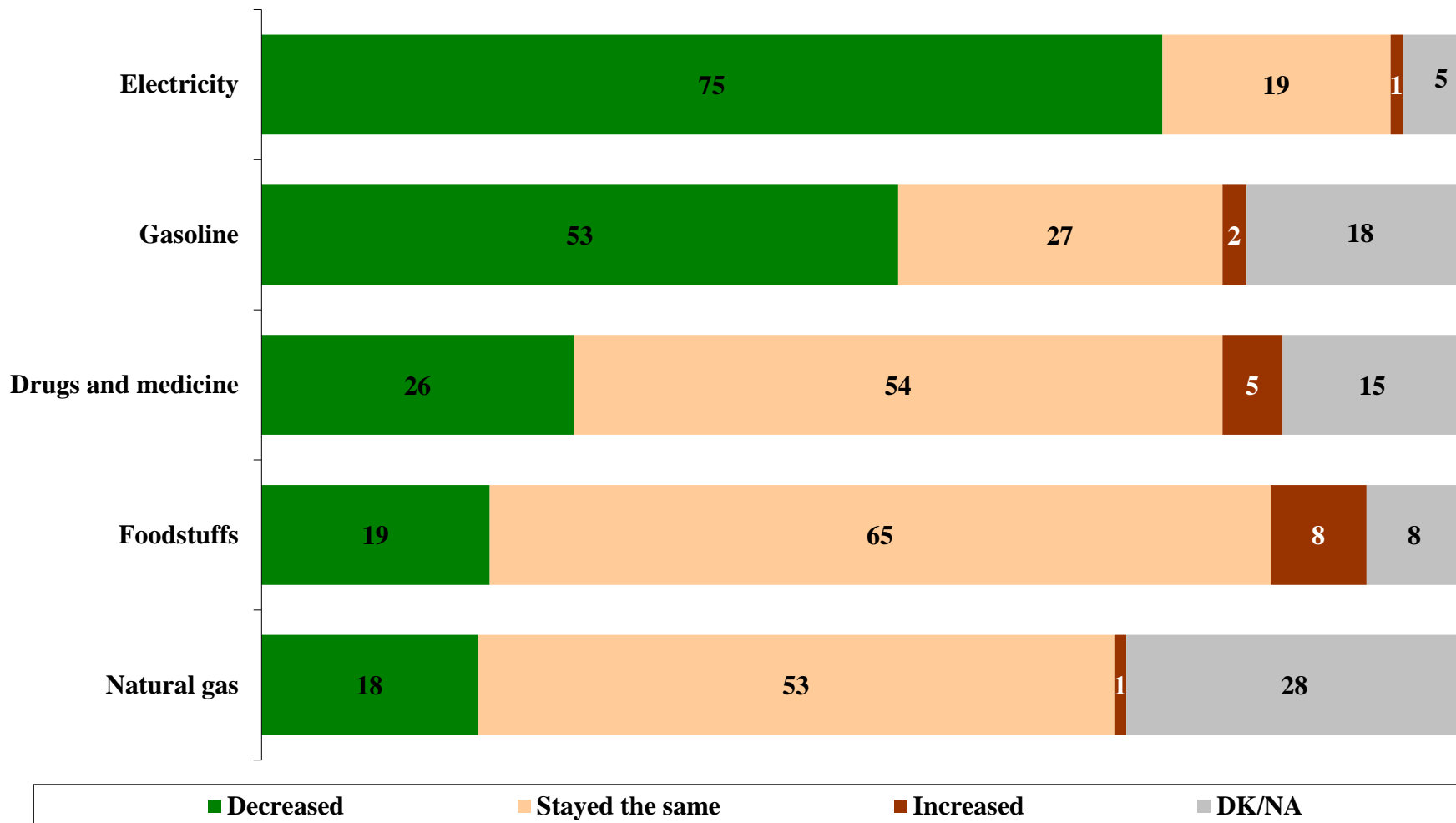


Would you support a quota for women's participation in Parliament or local *sakrebulo*s (councils)?

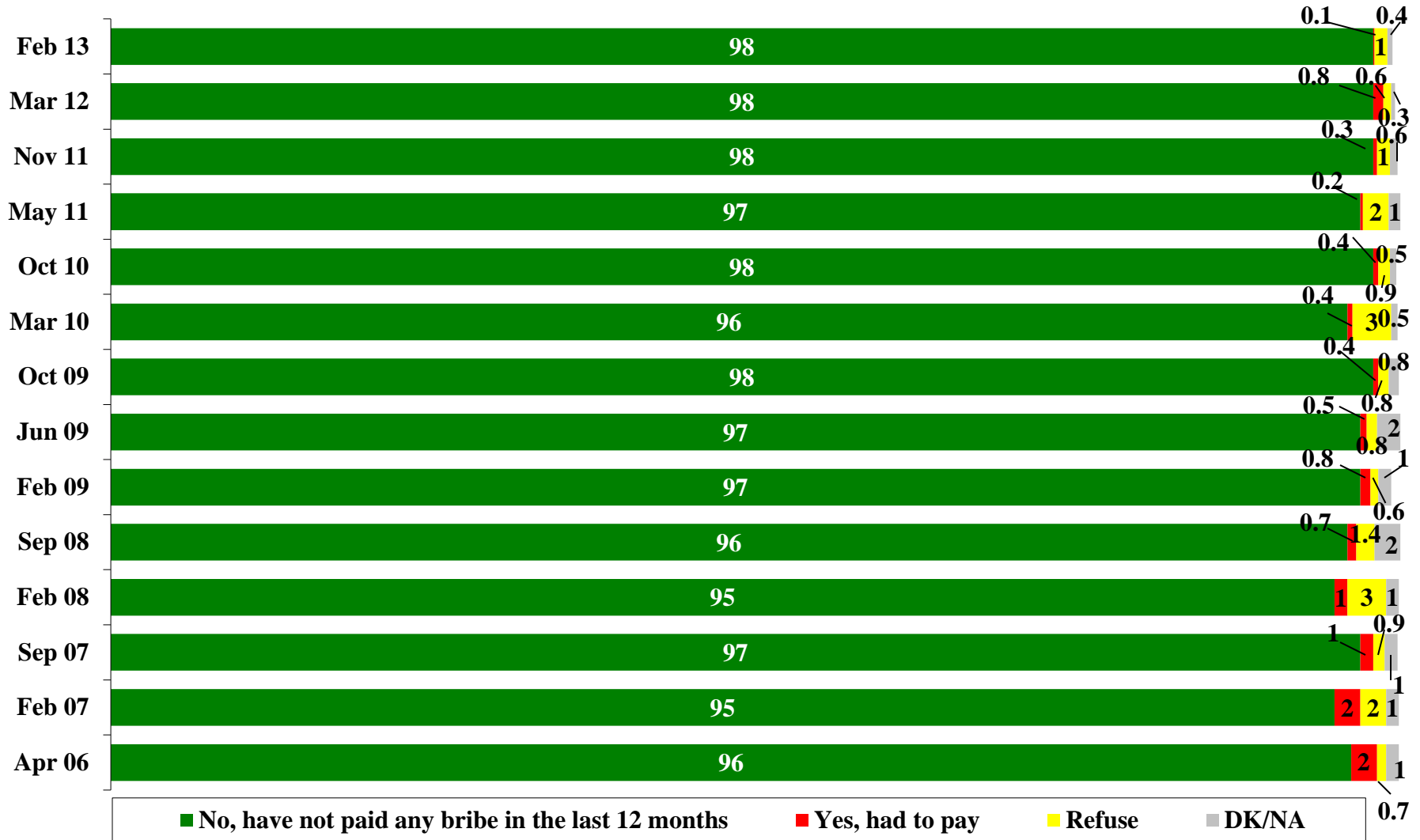


■ Yes, strongly support ■ Maybe, depending on the quota size ■ No, do not support ■ DK/NA

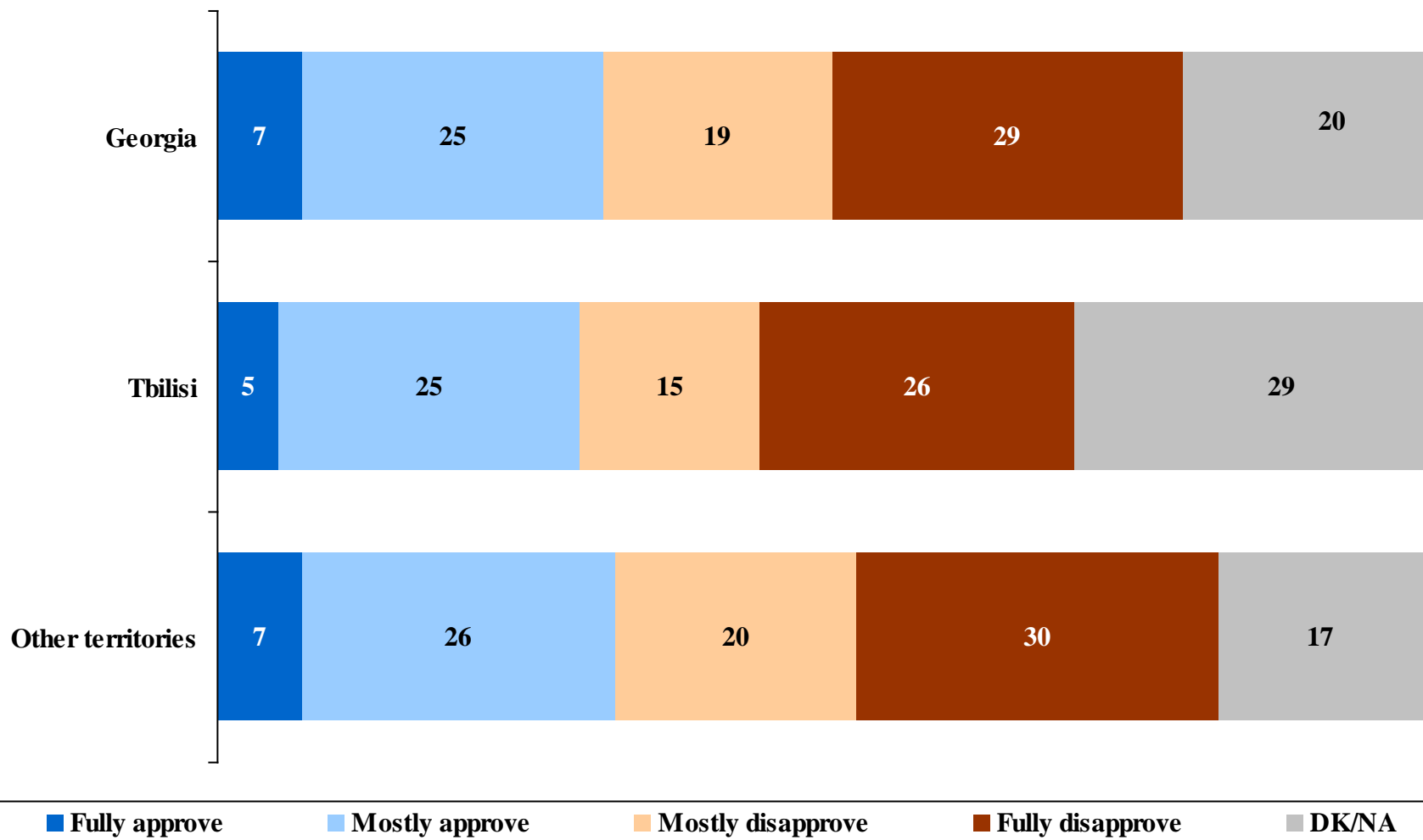
Since the elections, would you say the prices of the following products have increased, stayed the same, or decreased?



Have you been in a situation during the last 12 months when you had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or a decision?

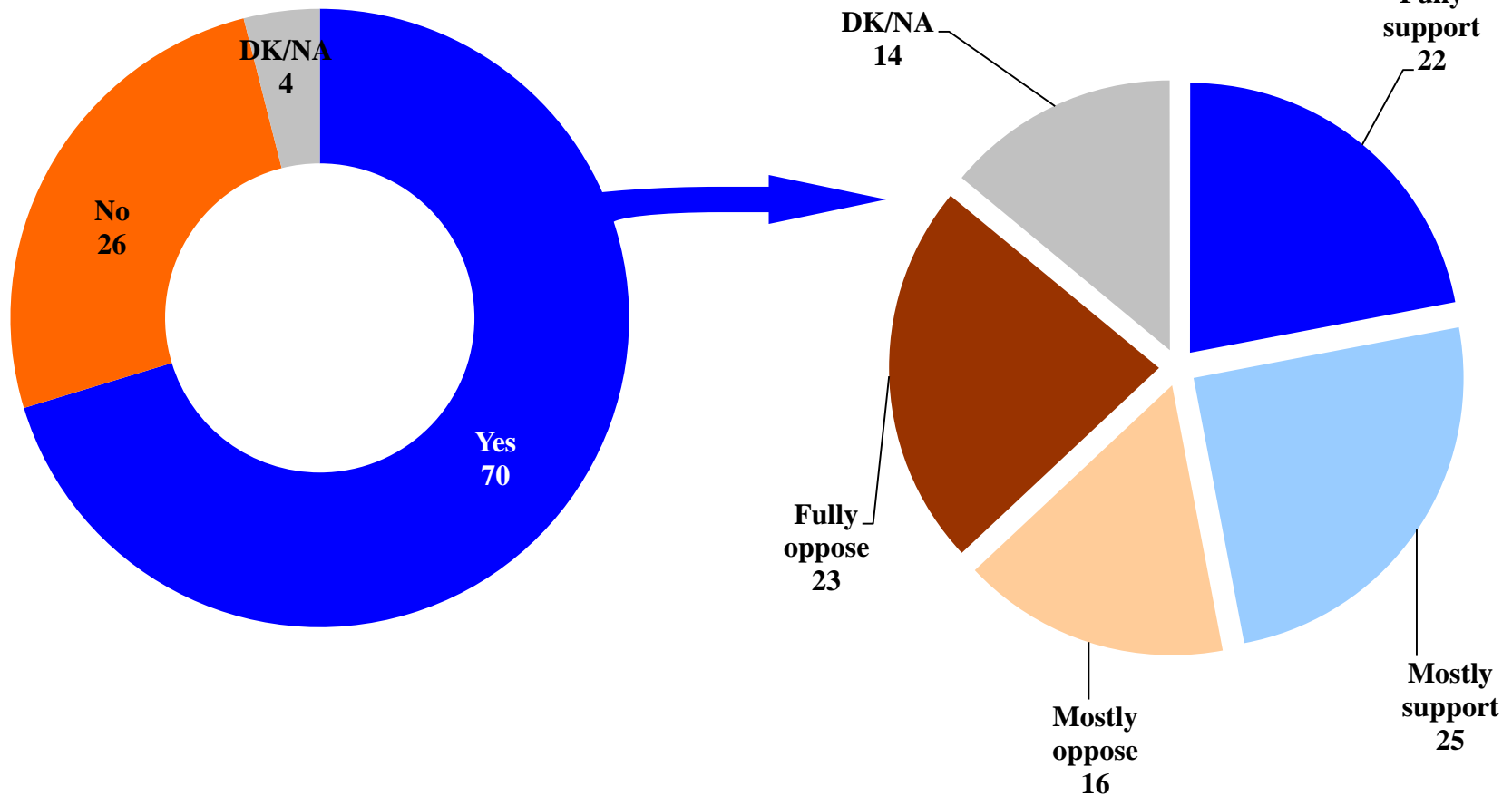


Do you approve or disapprove of the changes in the composition and leadership of local *sakrebulo*s without elections?

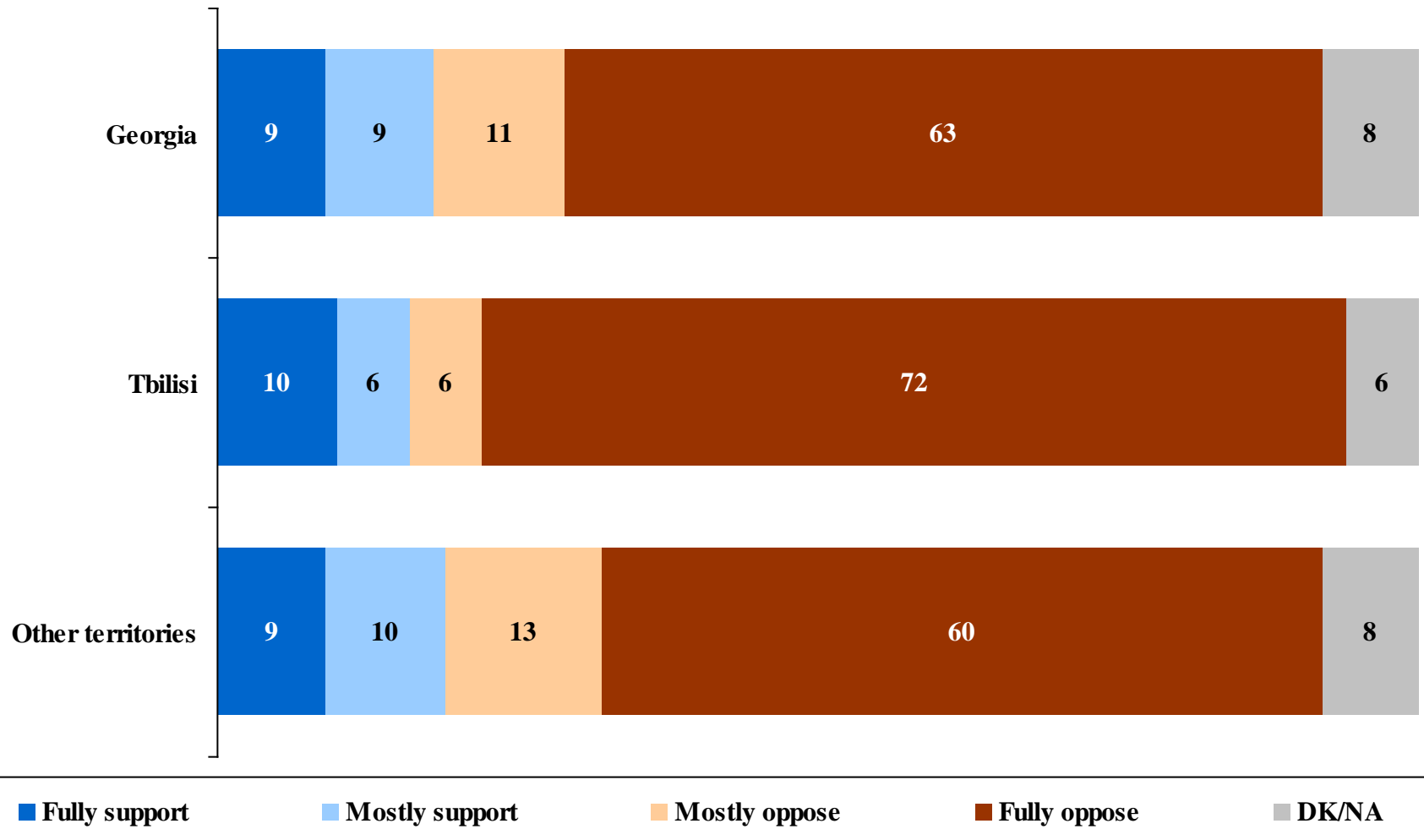


Did you know that on February 7, the Georgian Dream parliamentary majority postponed President Saakashvili's annual address until an agreement is made on constitutional reforms?

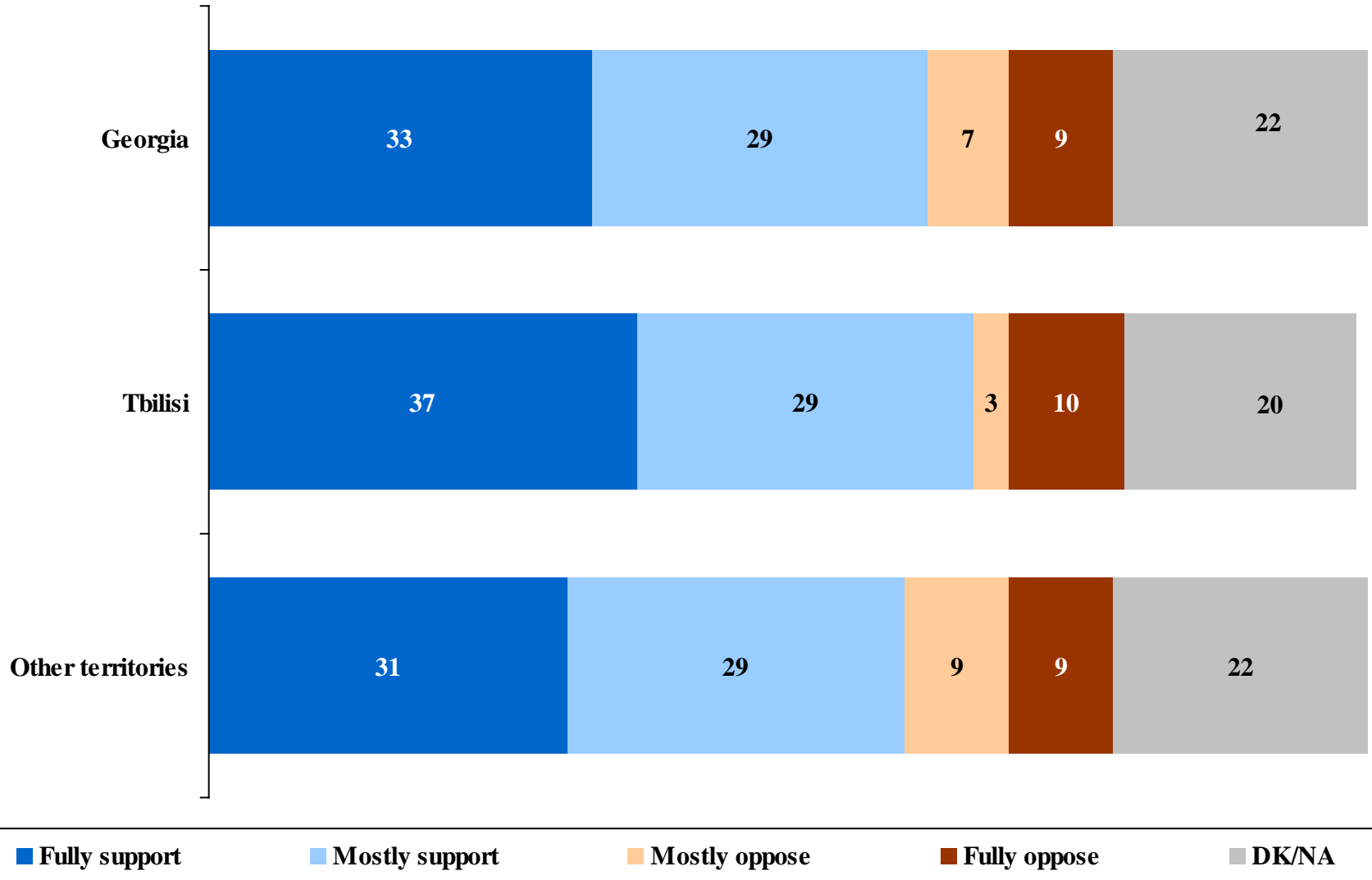
If yes, do you... N=1,061



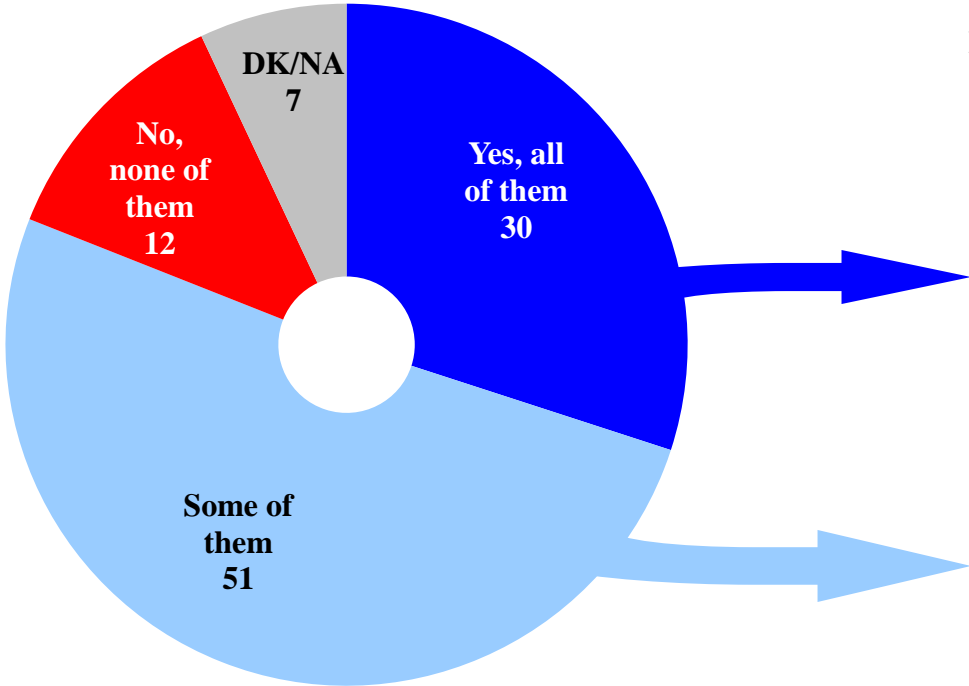
Would you support a constitutional amendment calling for the president of Georgia to be elected by parliament instead of being directly elected by the people?



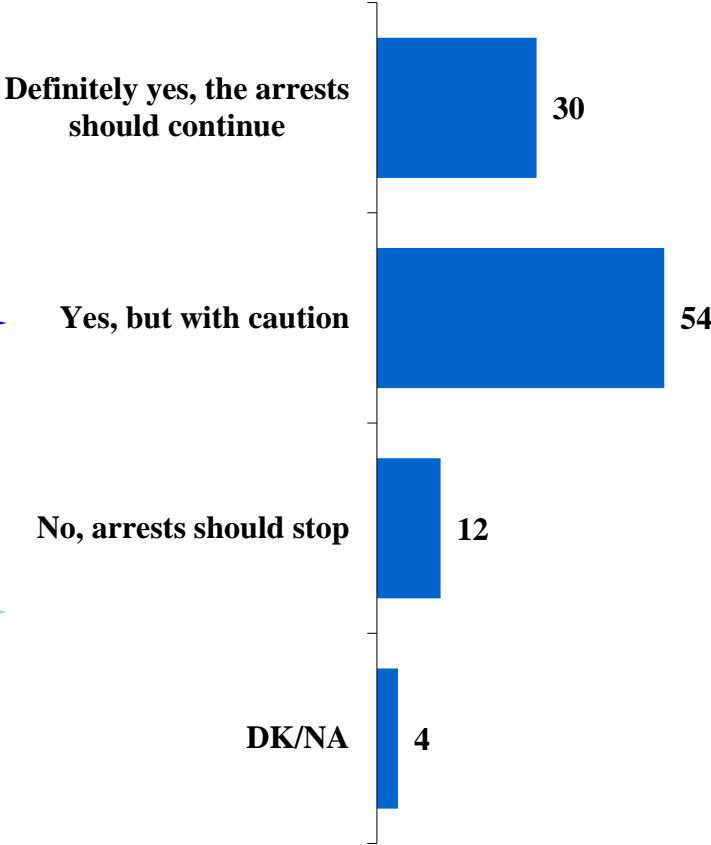
Would you support a constitutional amendment that would make Georgia's pro-Western foreign policy course guaranteed?



Do you support the arrests of former government officials?

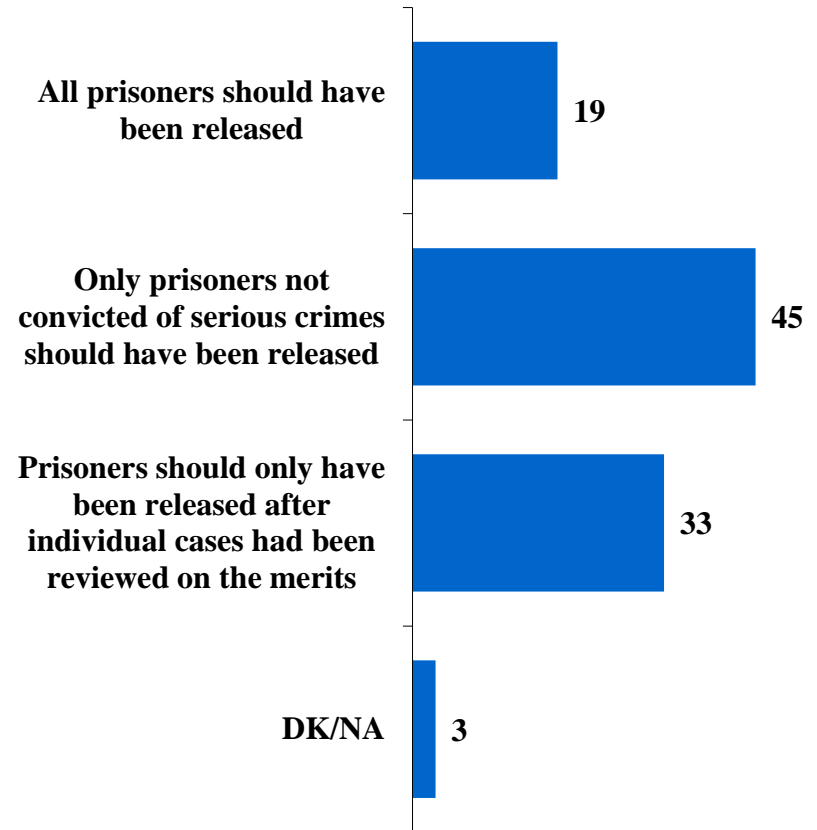
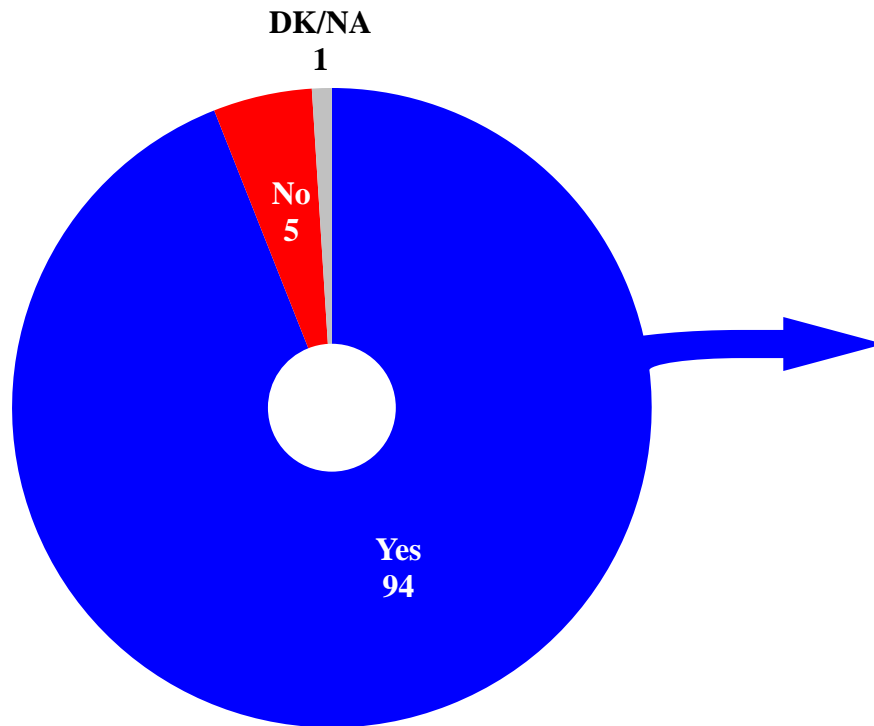


If you do, should these arrests continue? (N=1,213)

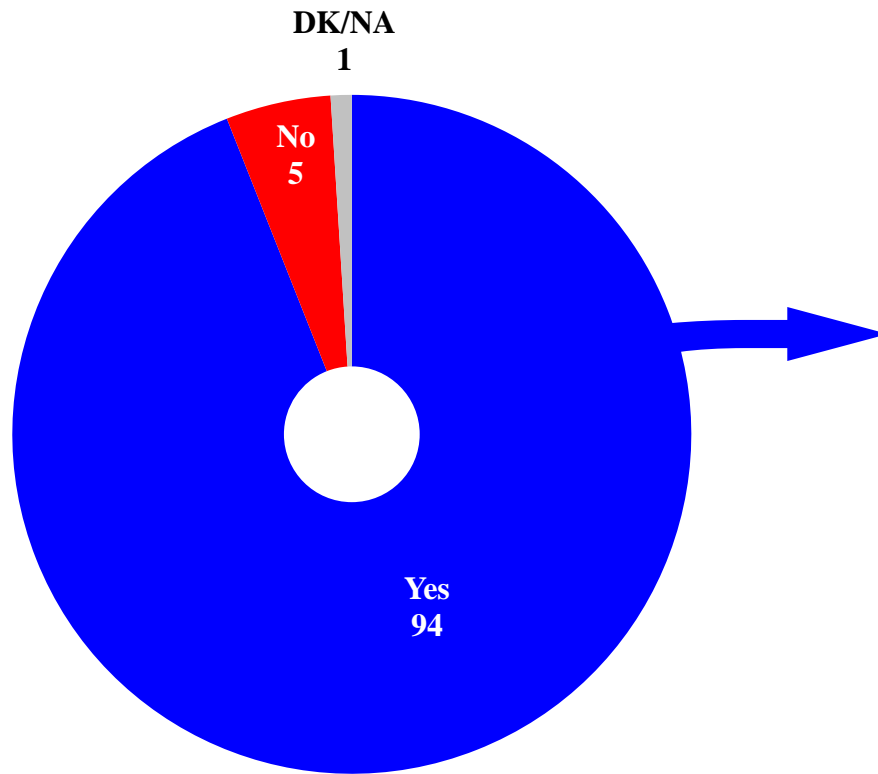


Have you heard about the new amnesty law based on which several thousand prisoners were released?

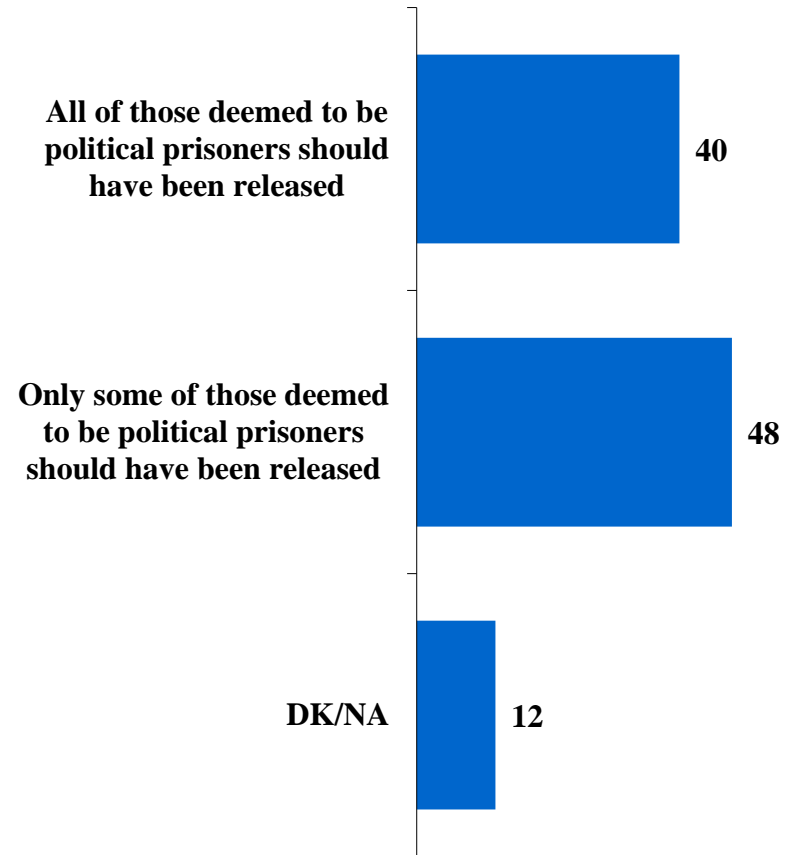
If yes, do you approve or disapprove of the law and the release of prisoners? N=1,408



Have you heard about the new amnesty law based on which several thousand prisoners were released?

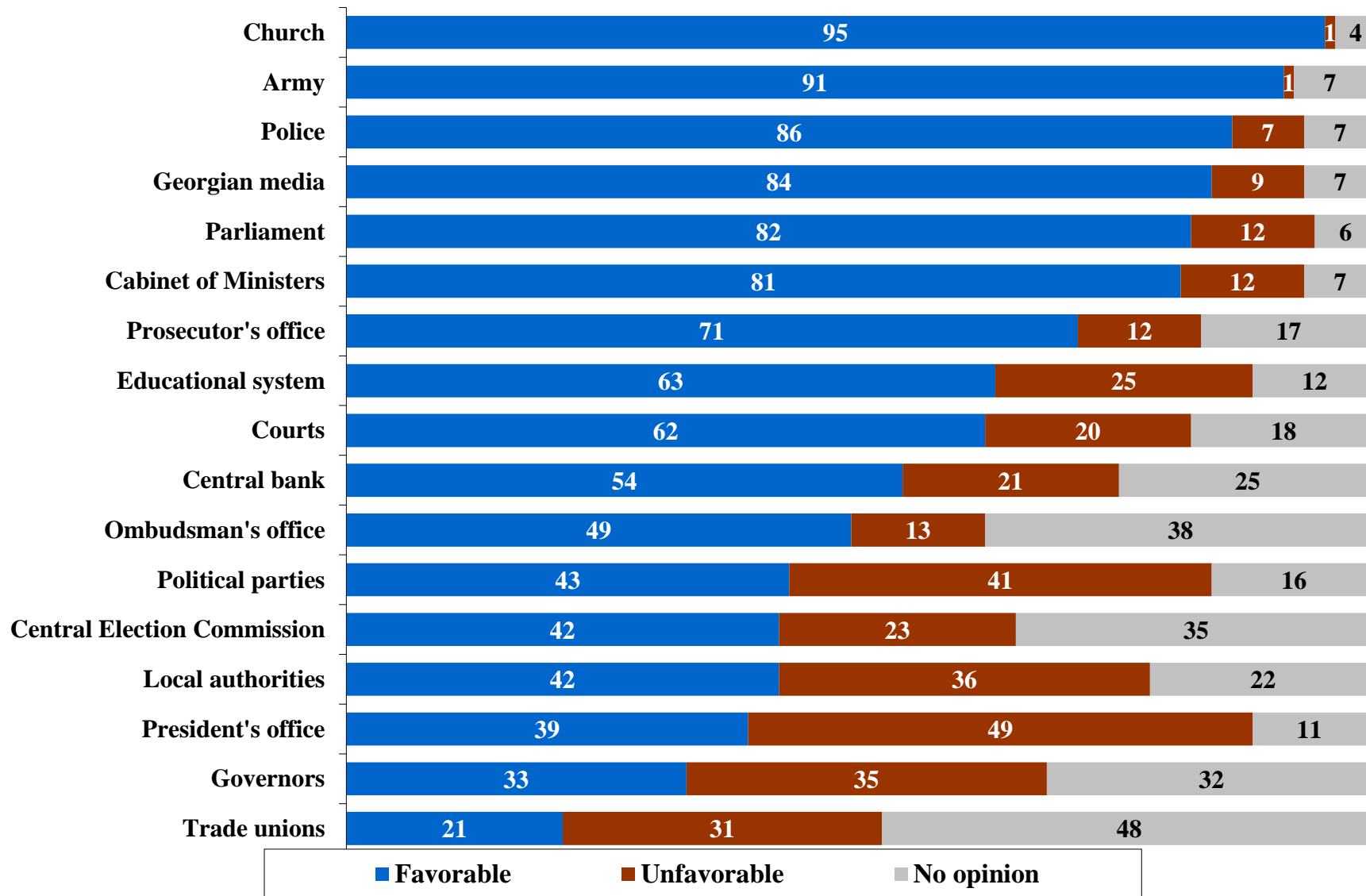


If yes, do you agree with the list of political prisoners and their release? N=1,408



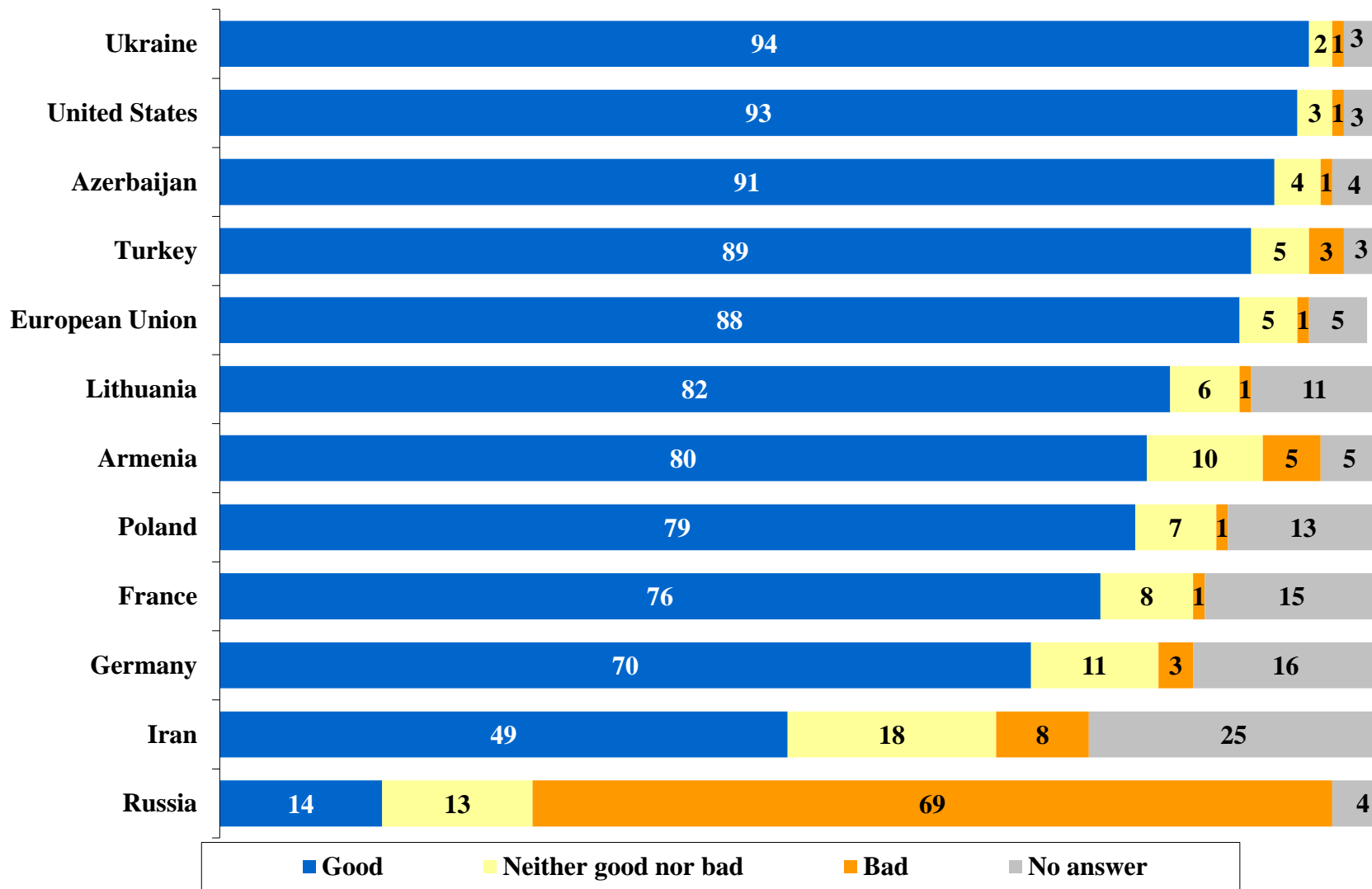
INSTITUTIONS

What is your opinion about the work of the following institutions?

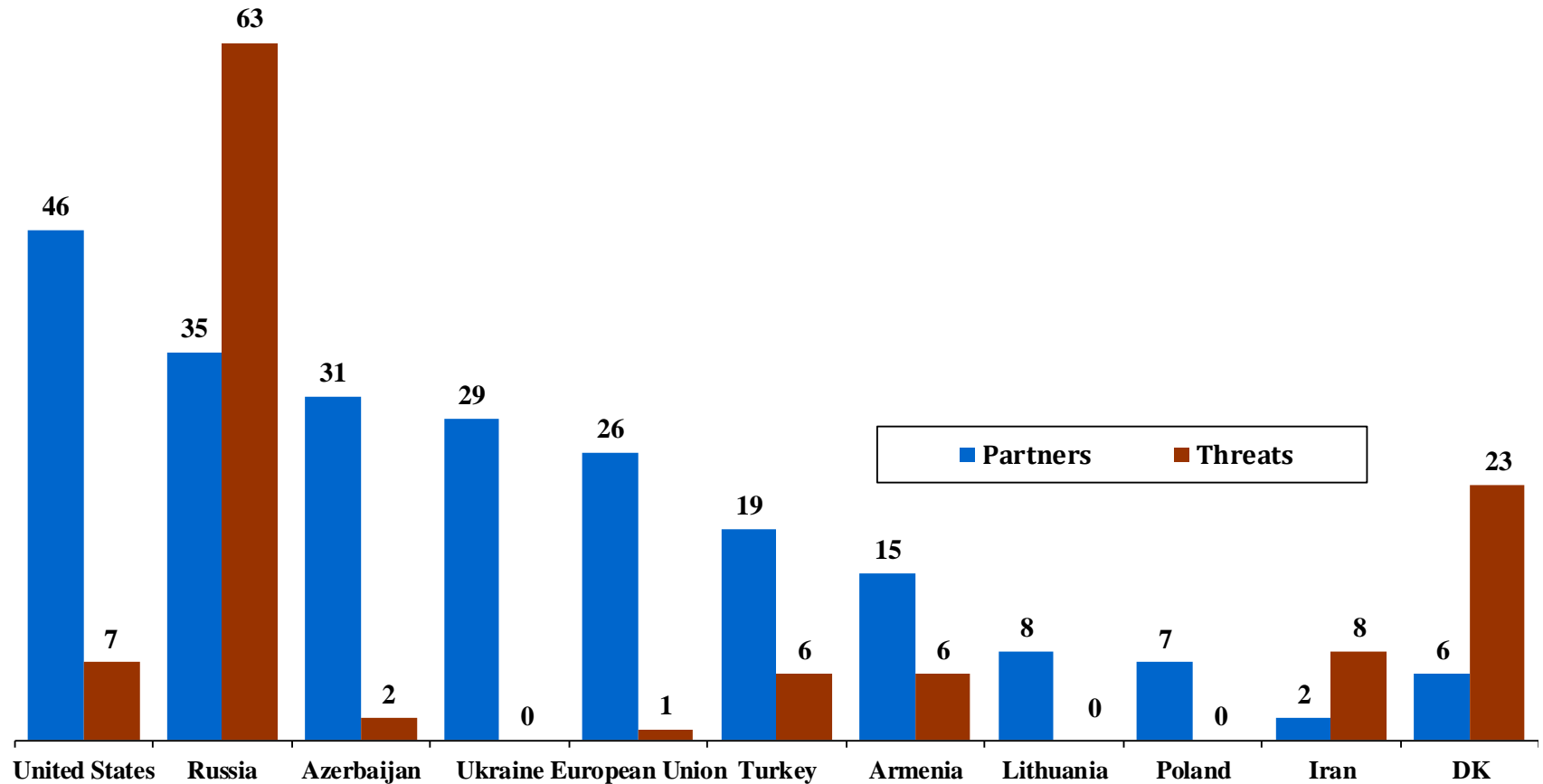


INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

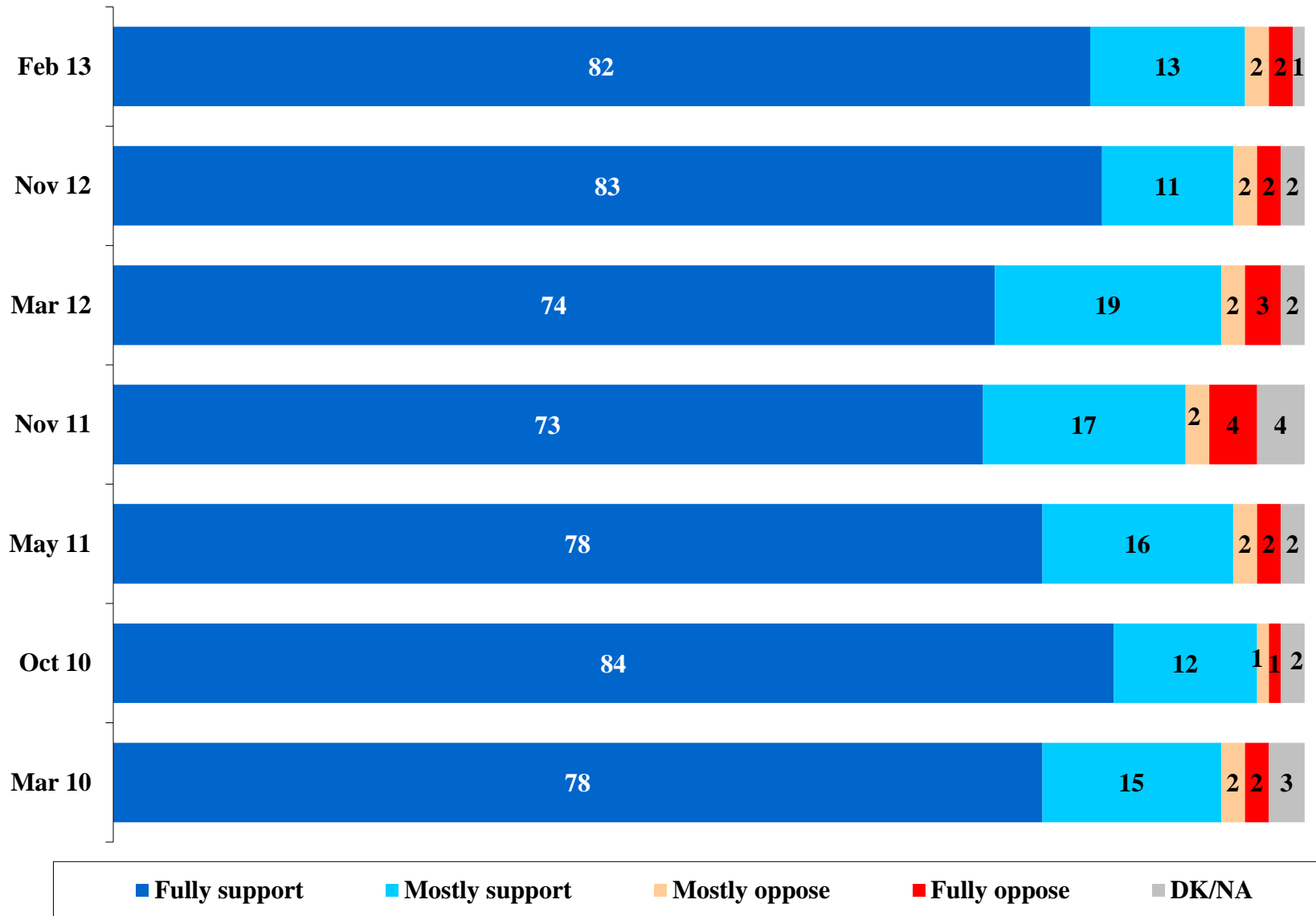
How would you evaluate the current state of relations between Georgia and...?



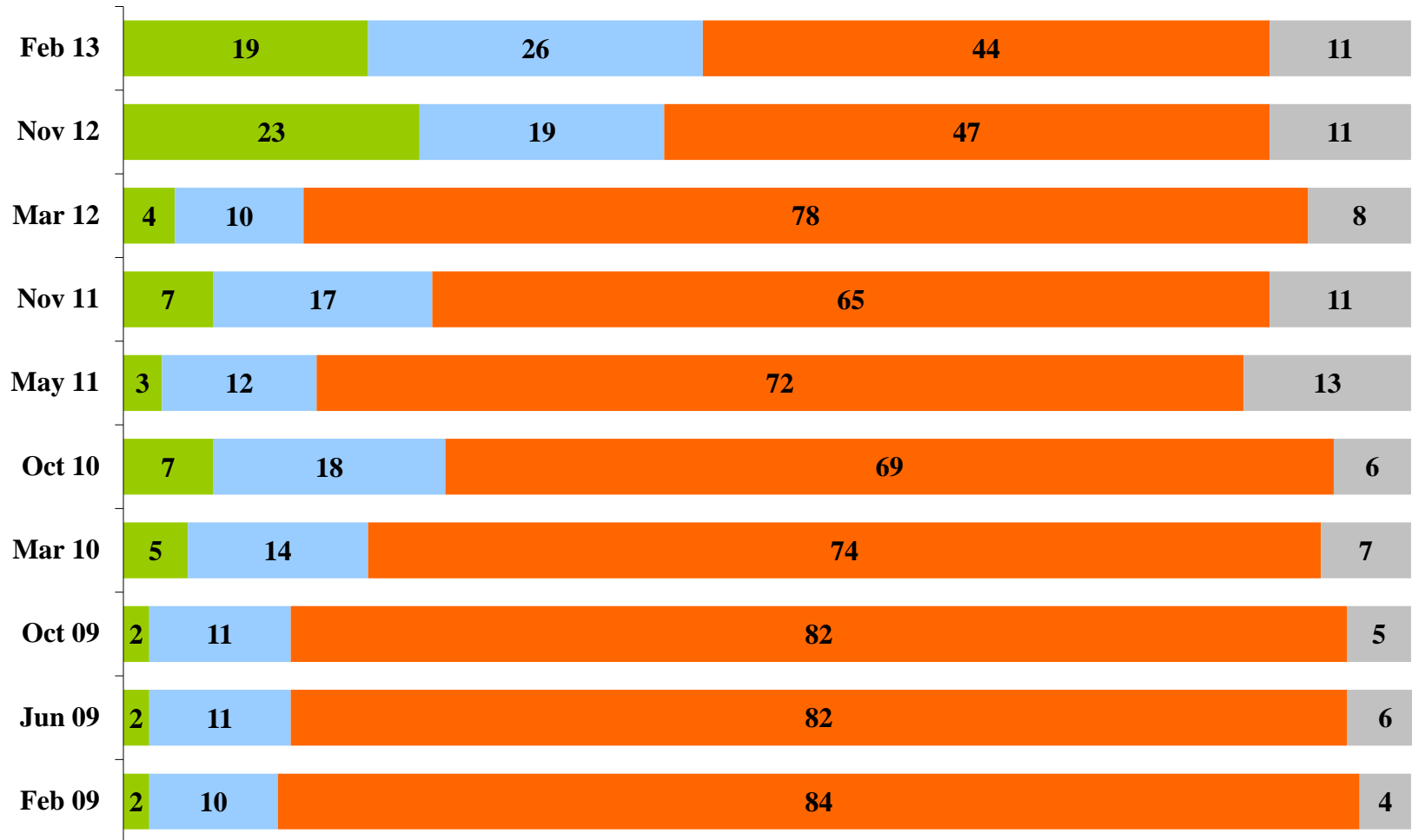
Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia? Which comprise the most political and economic threat?



Would you support further dialogue with Russia?

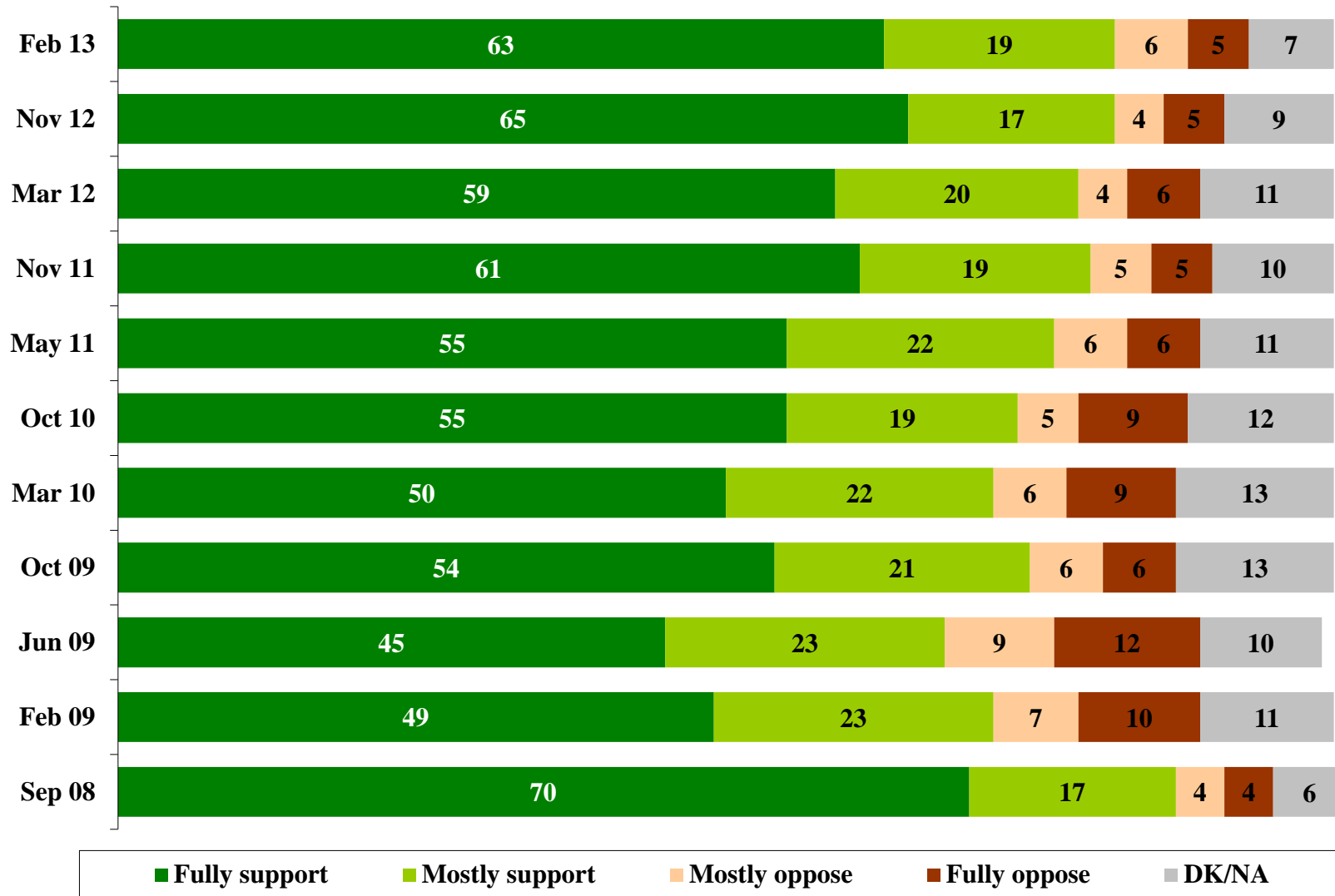


Do you think that Russian aggression to Georgia is over or is it still going on?

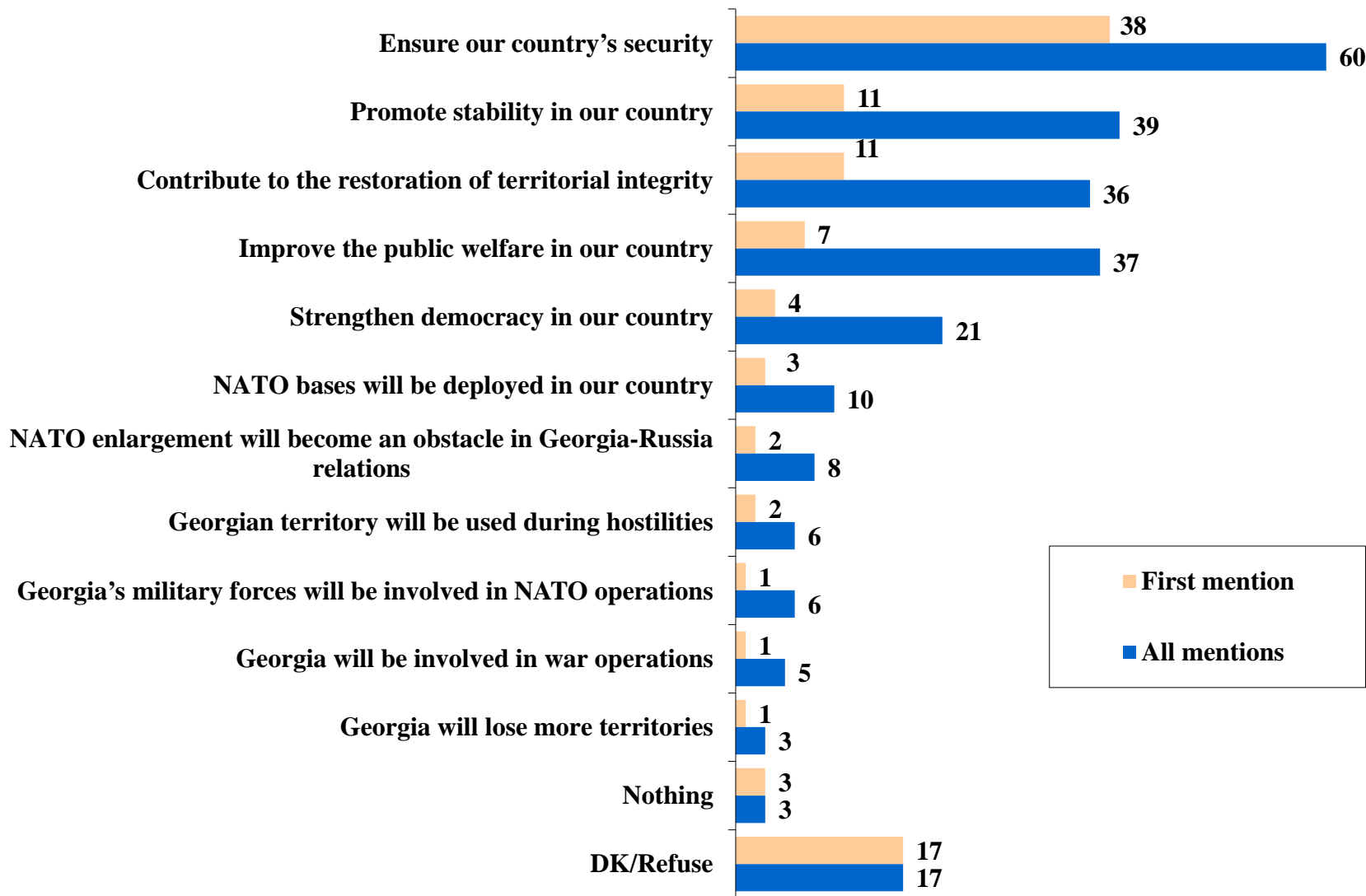


■ It is over and unlikely to resume
 ■ It is over but likely to resume
 ■ It is still going on
 ■ DK/NA

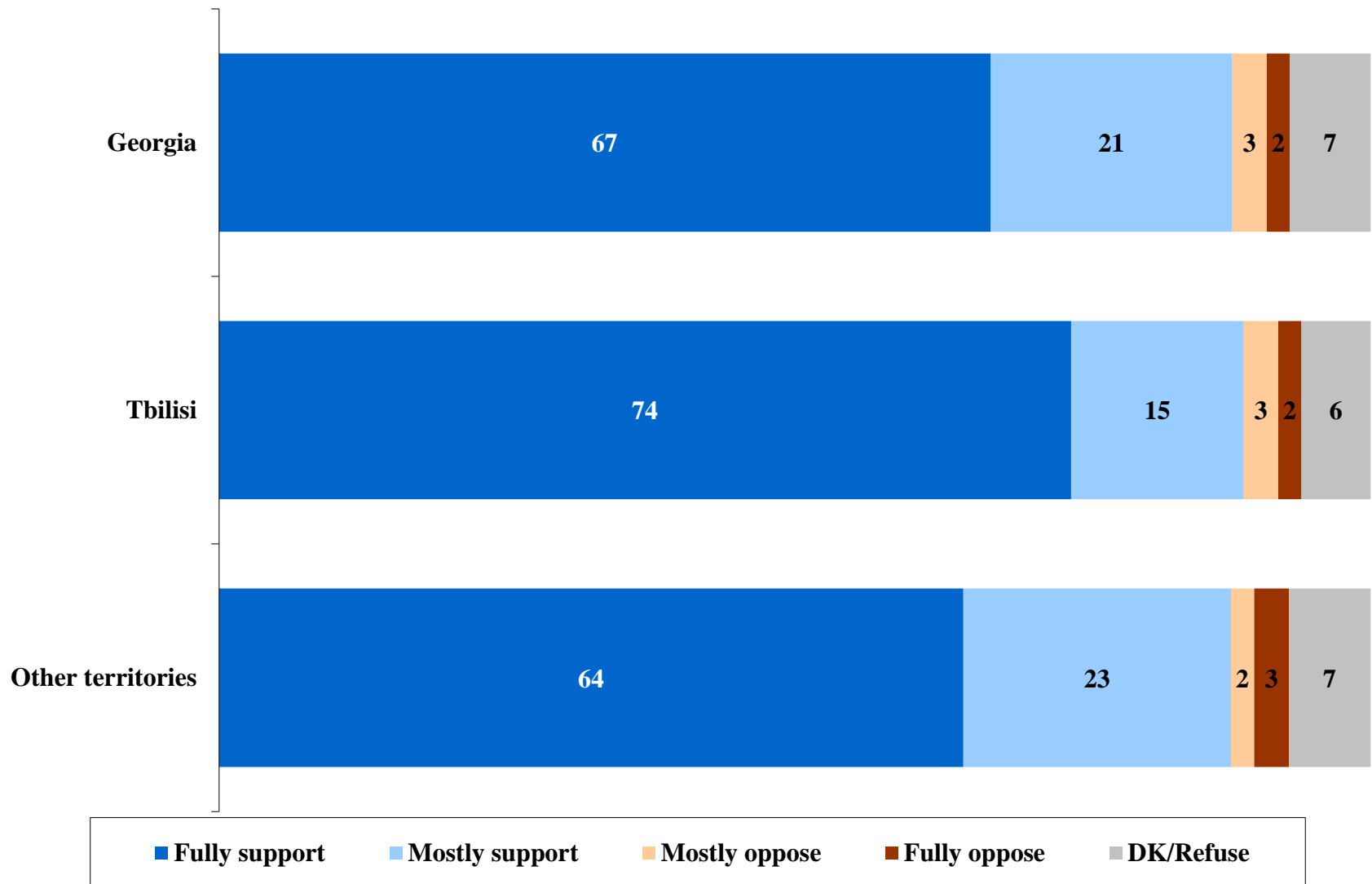
Do you support Georgia joining NATO?



If/when Georgia becomes a member of NATO, what do you expect from membership?

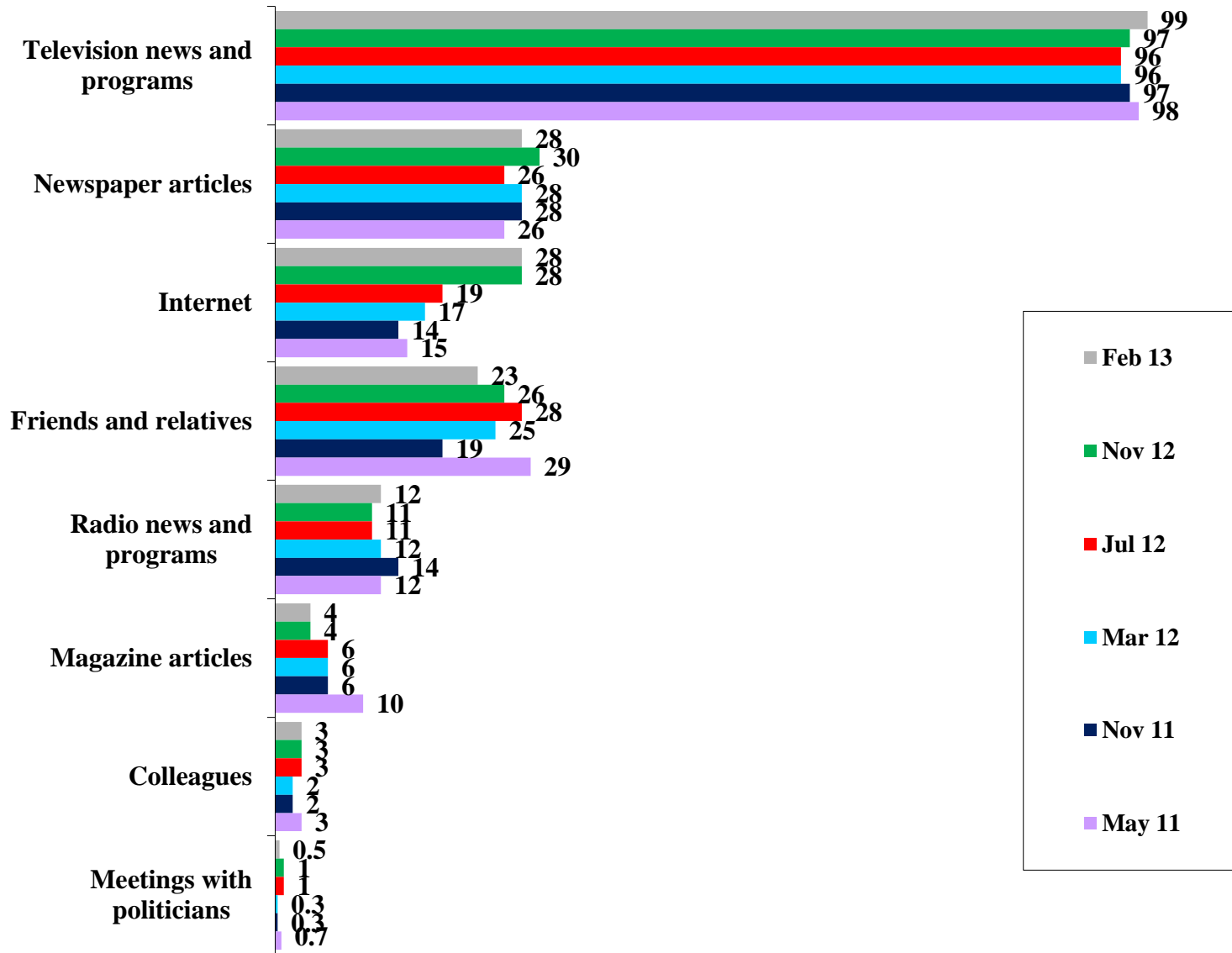


Do you support Georgia joining the European Union?

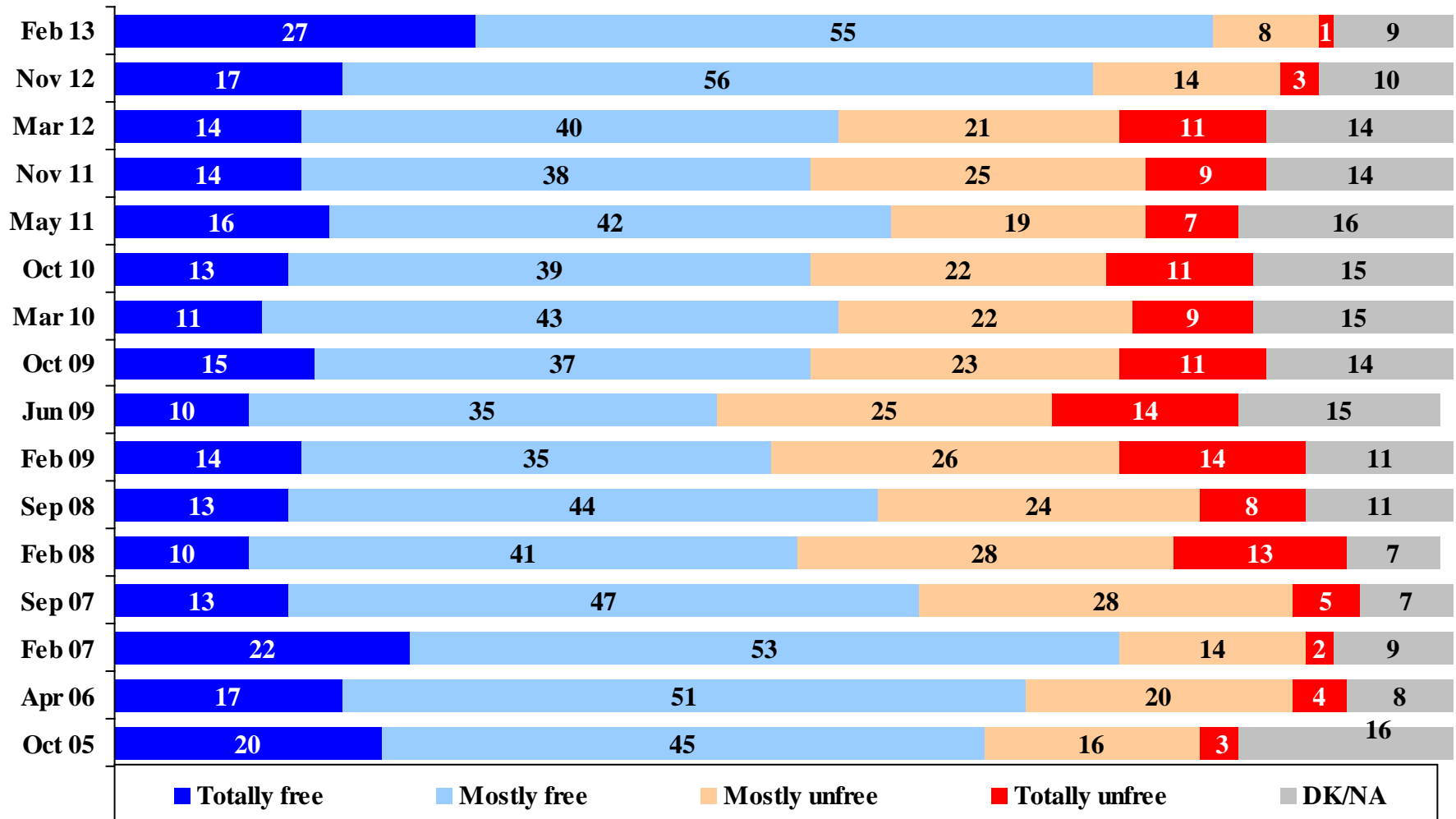


SOURCES OF INFORMATION

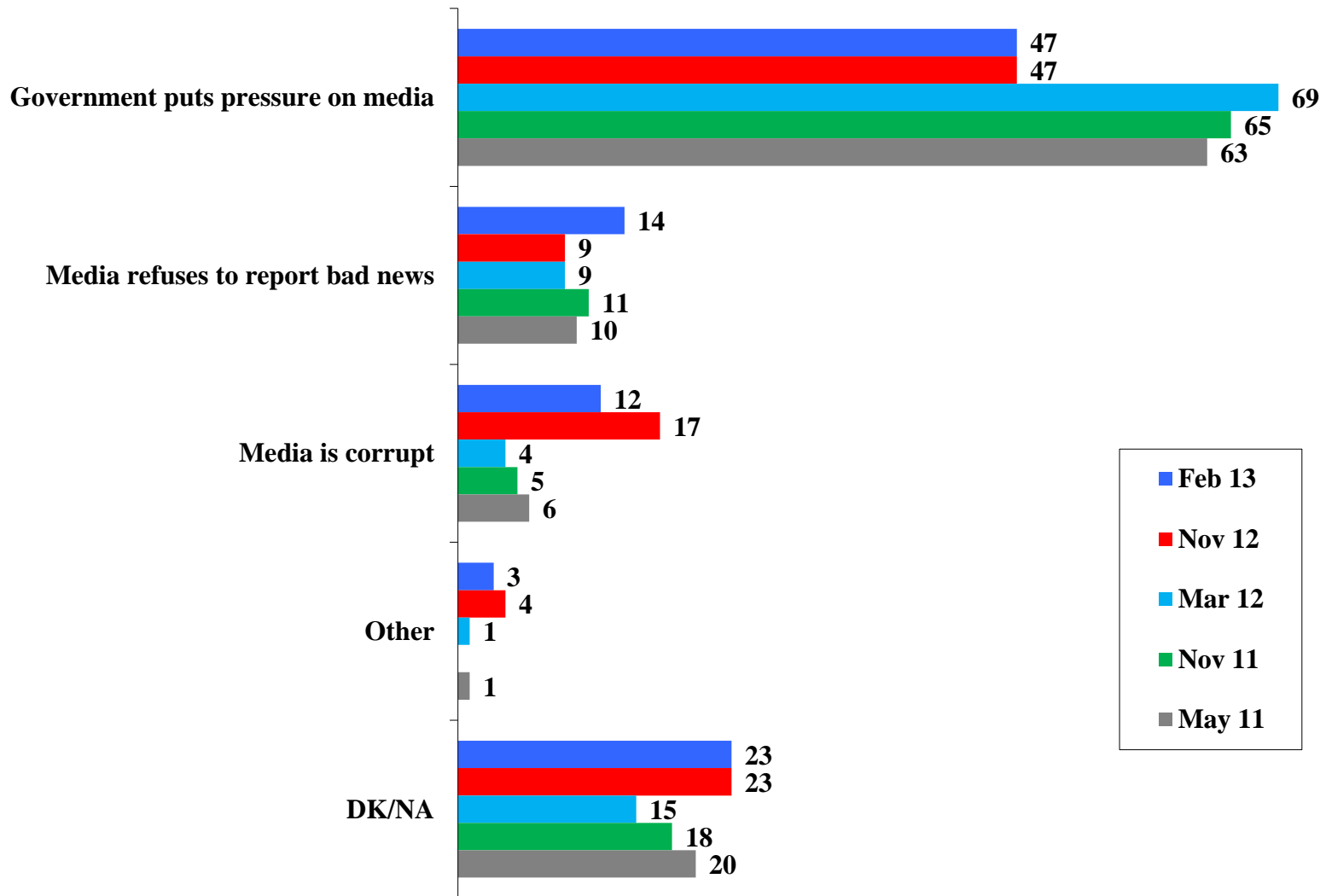
Which sources do you use to obtain political information?



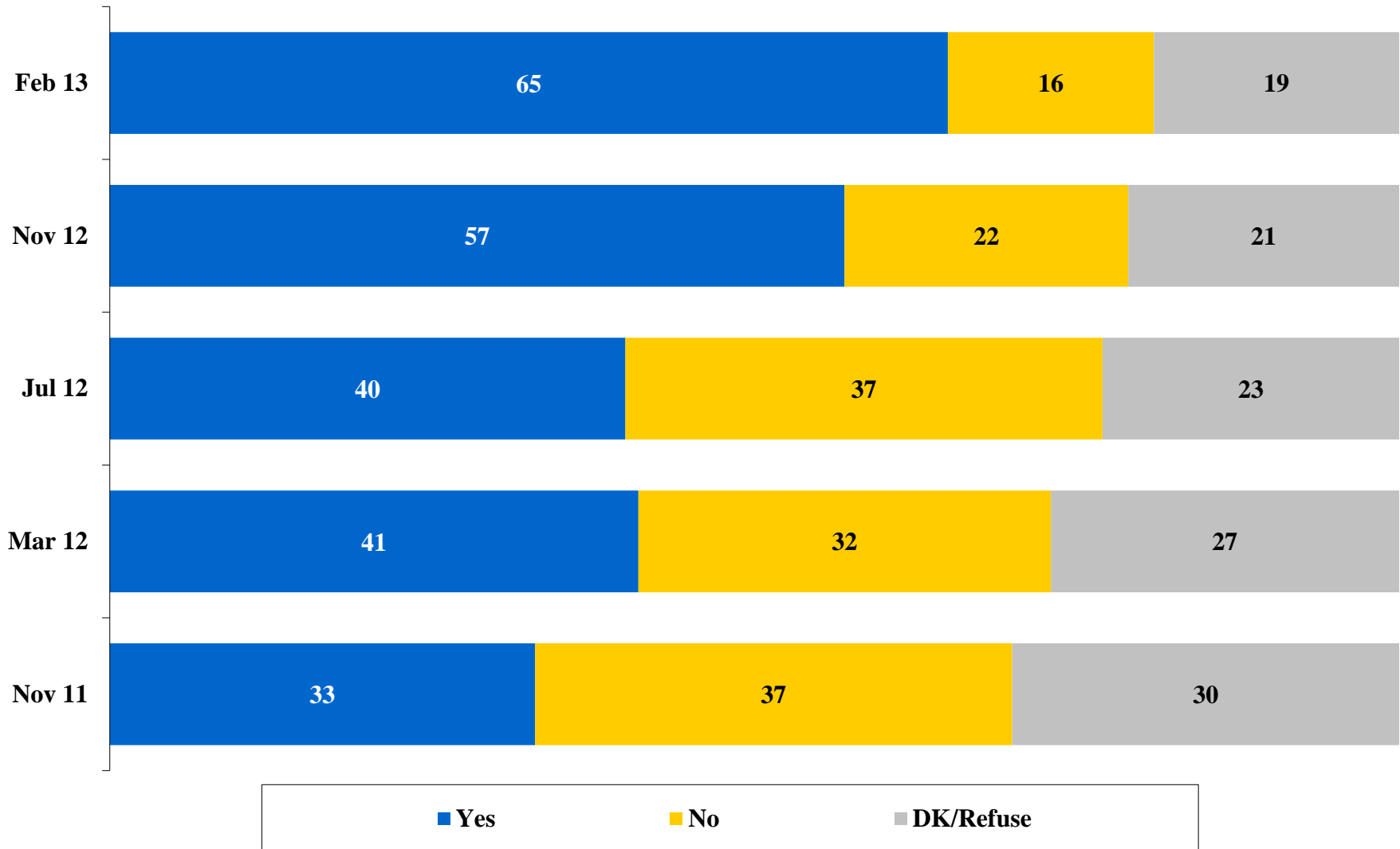
Is Georgian mass media free to express various political views or there is government control over media content?



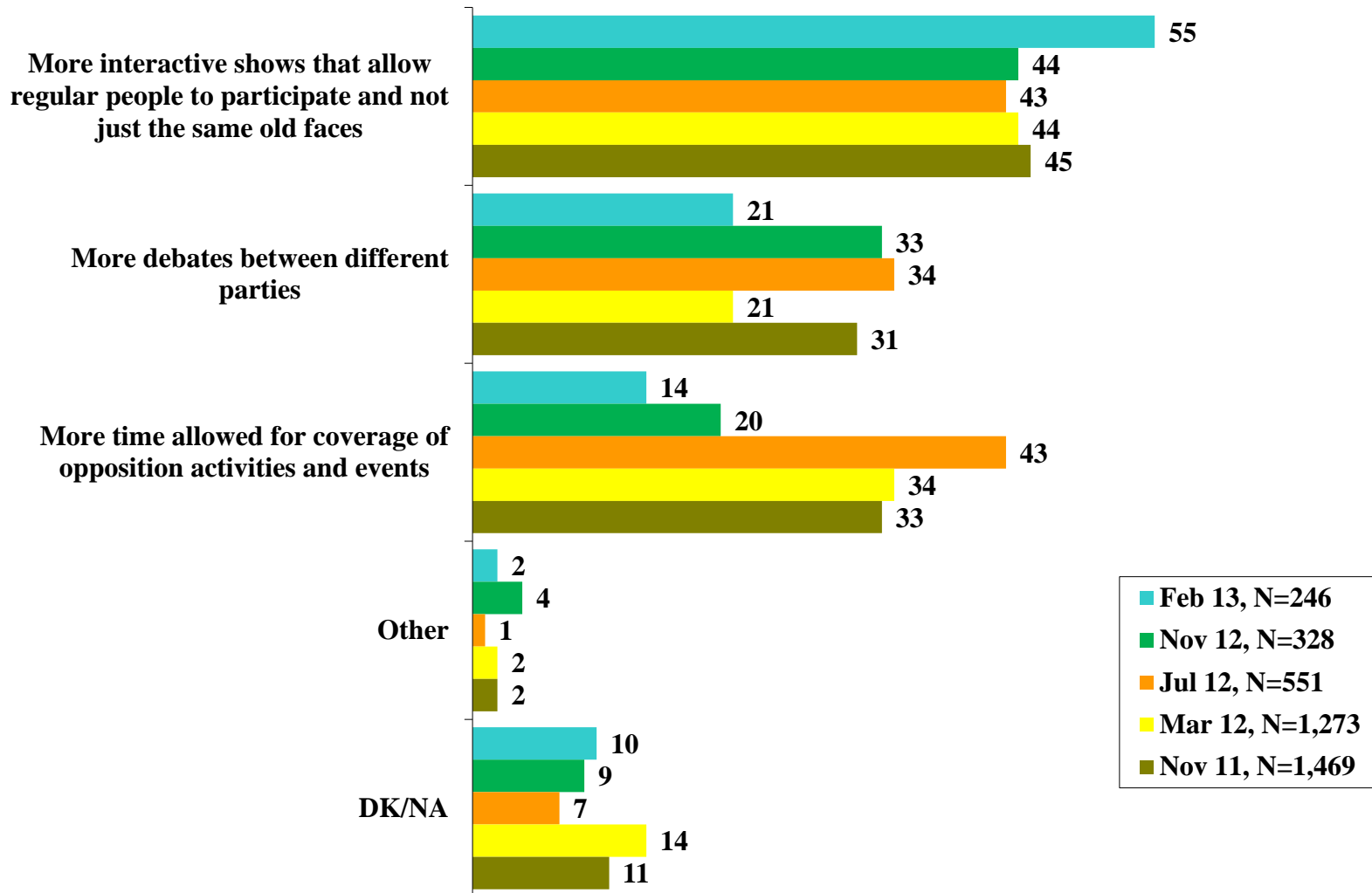
Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views? (N=148)



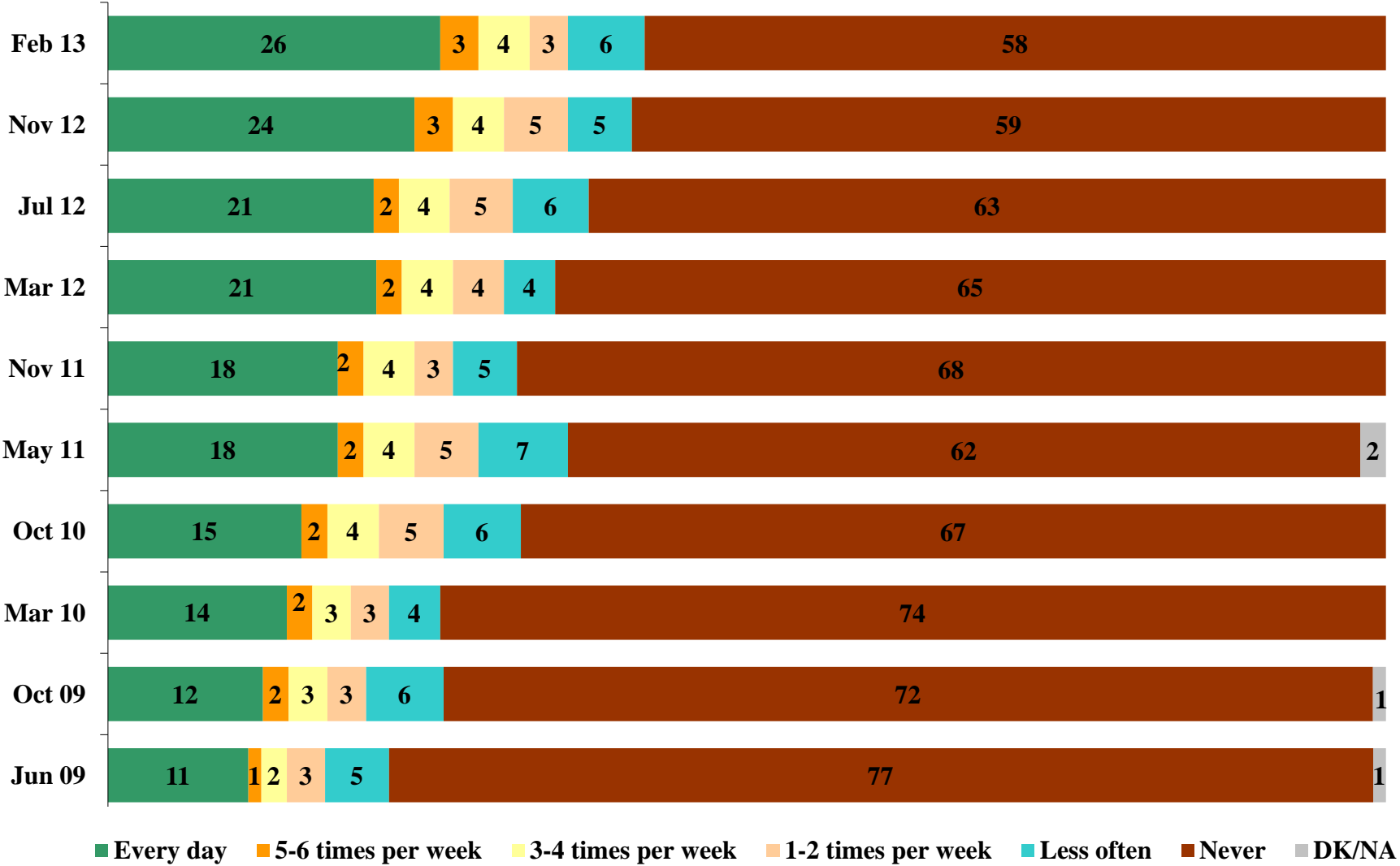
Do you feel that television stations offer a fair and balanced view of the political situation?



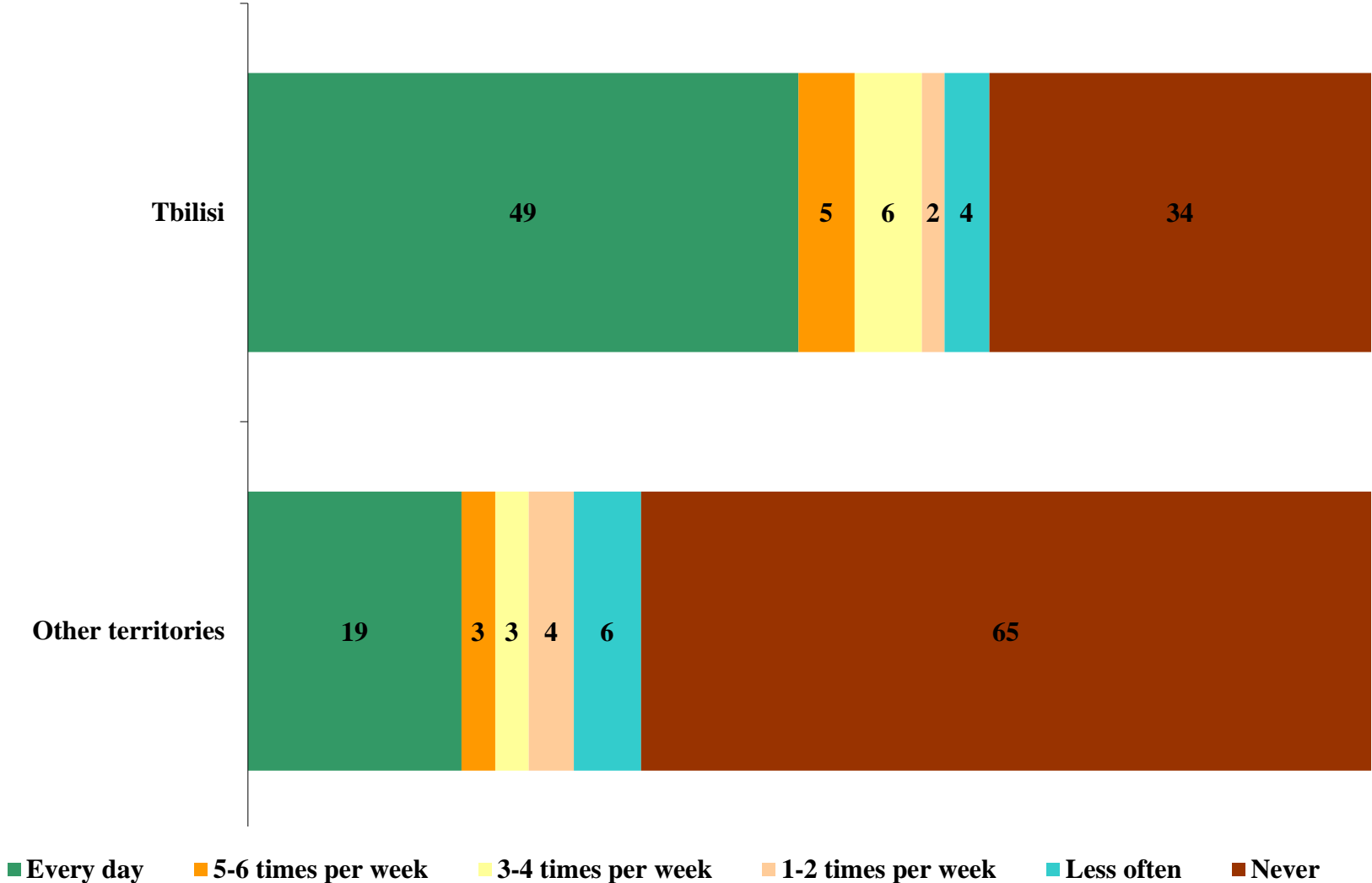
If not, what would improve this situation? (TV stations don't offer a fair/balanced view)



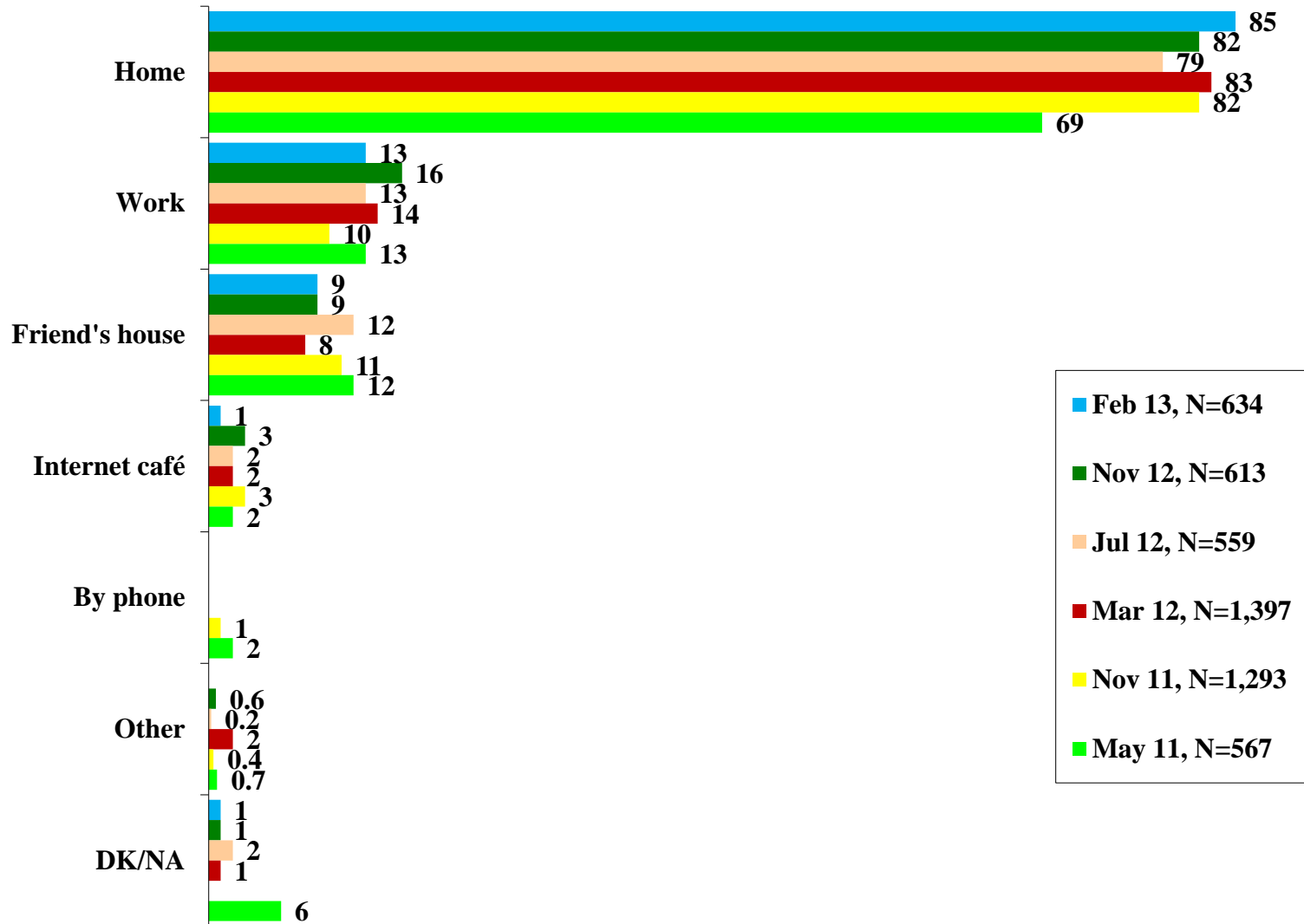
How many times per week do you access the Internet?



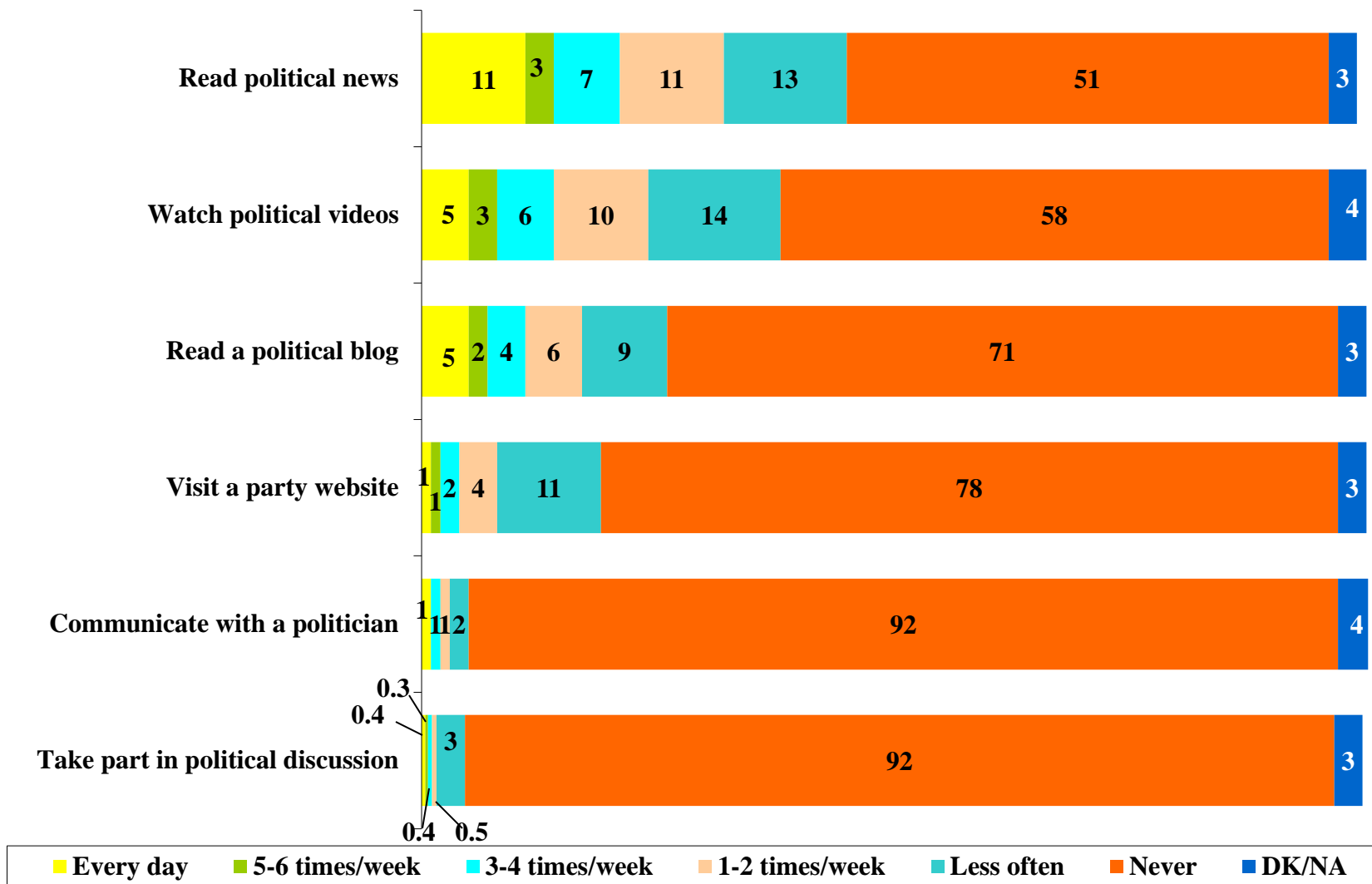
How many times per week do you access the Internet?



Where do you access the Internet? (Internet users)



How often do you do the following when using the Internet? (Internet users, N=634)

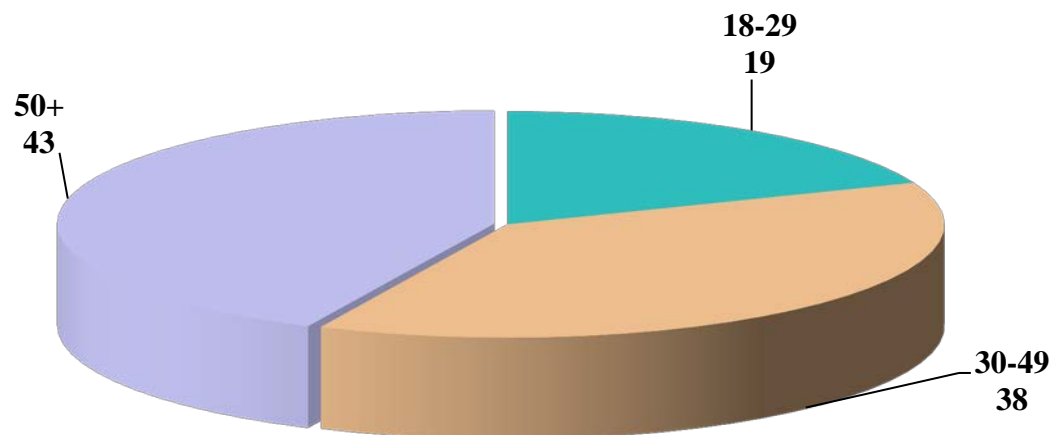


SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

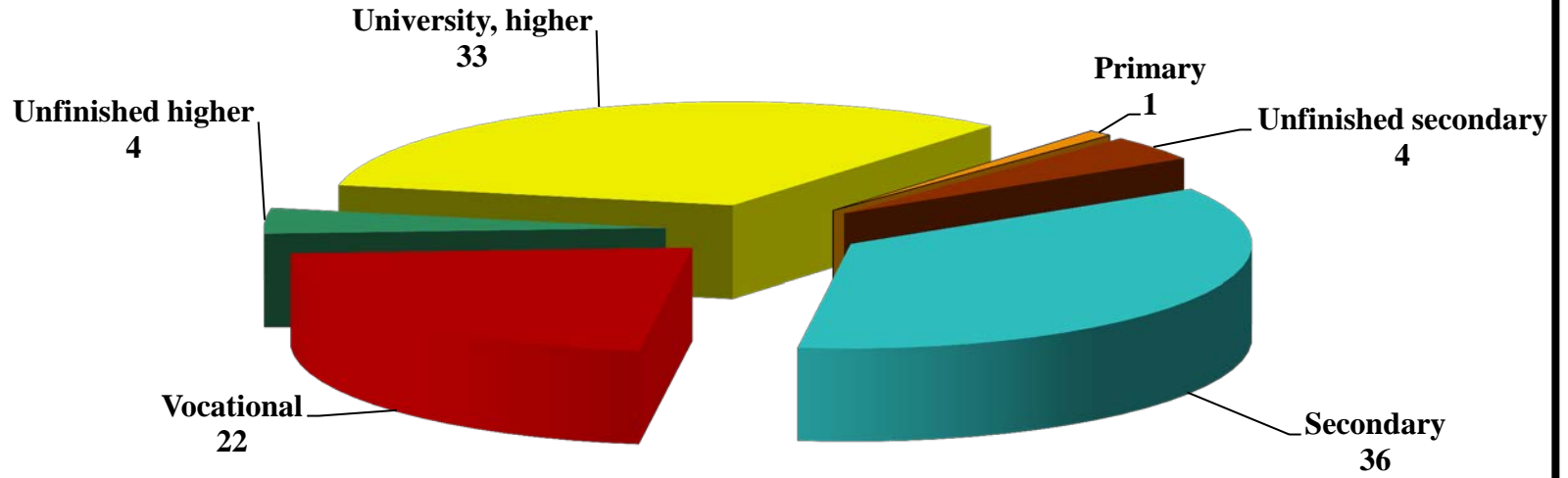
Gender



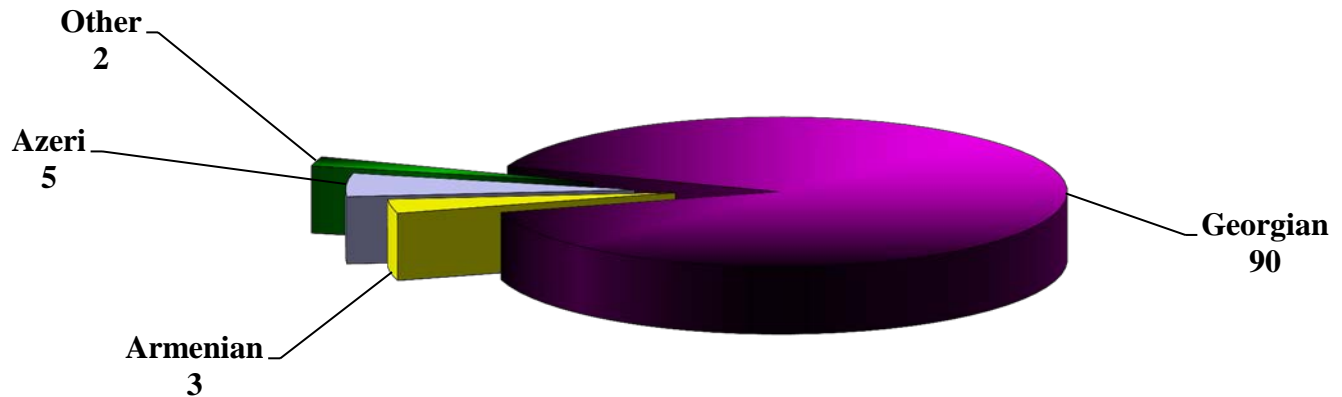
Age groups



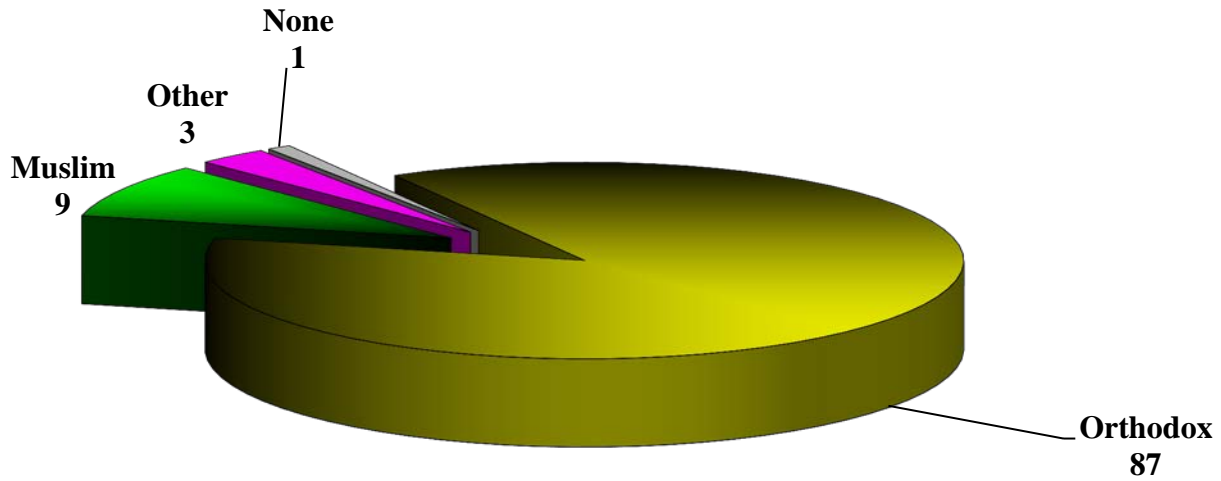
Education



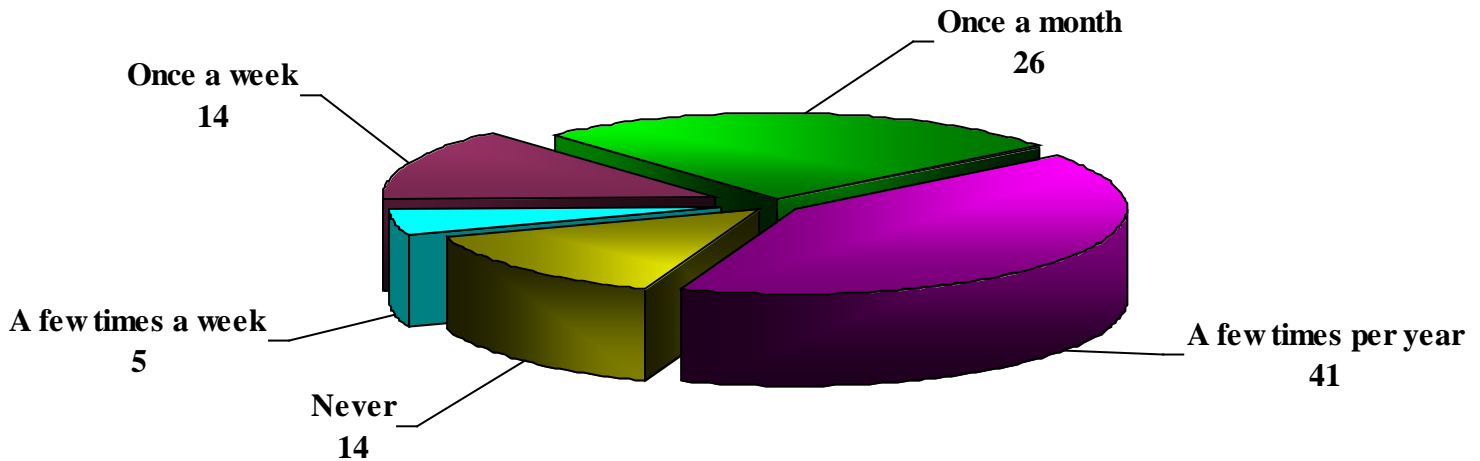
Ethnicity



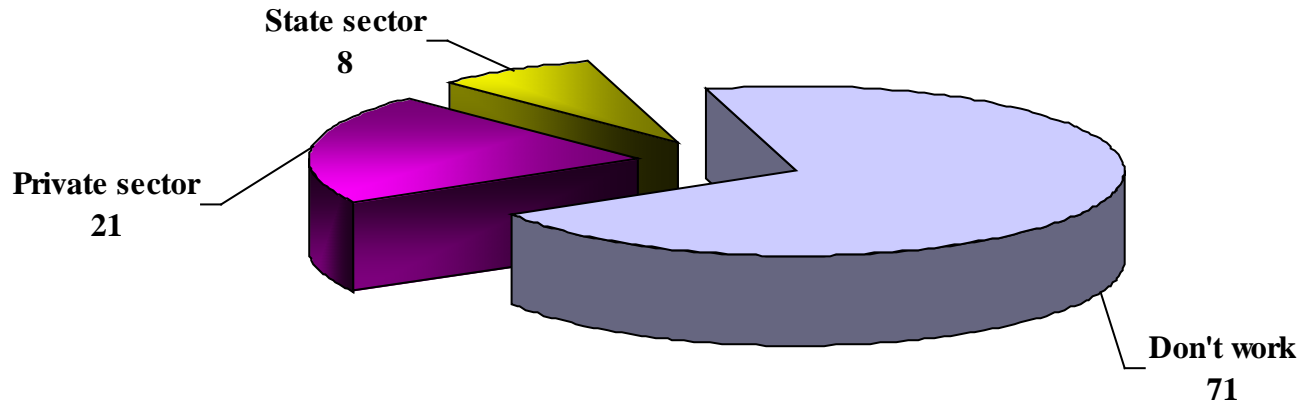
Religion



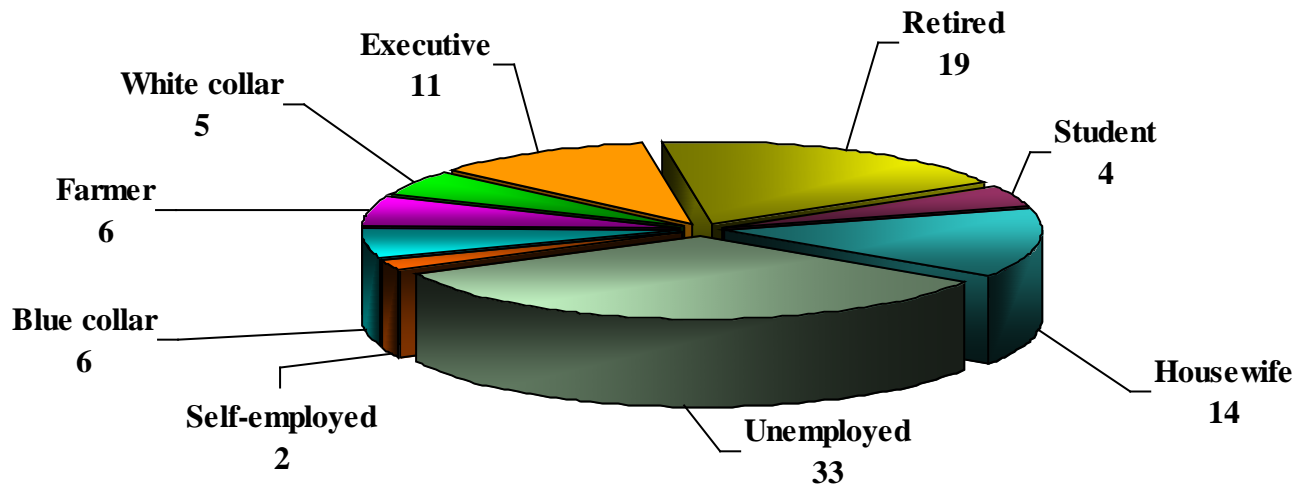
Attendance of religious service



Sector of employment



Occupation



Regions

